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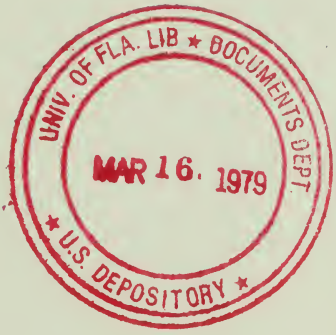
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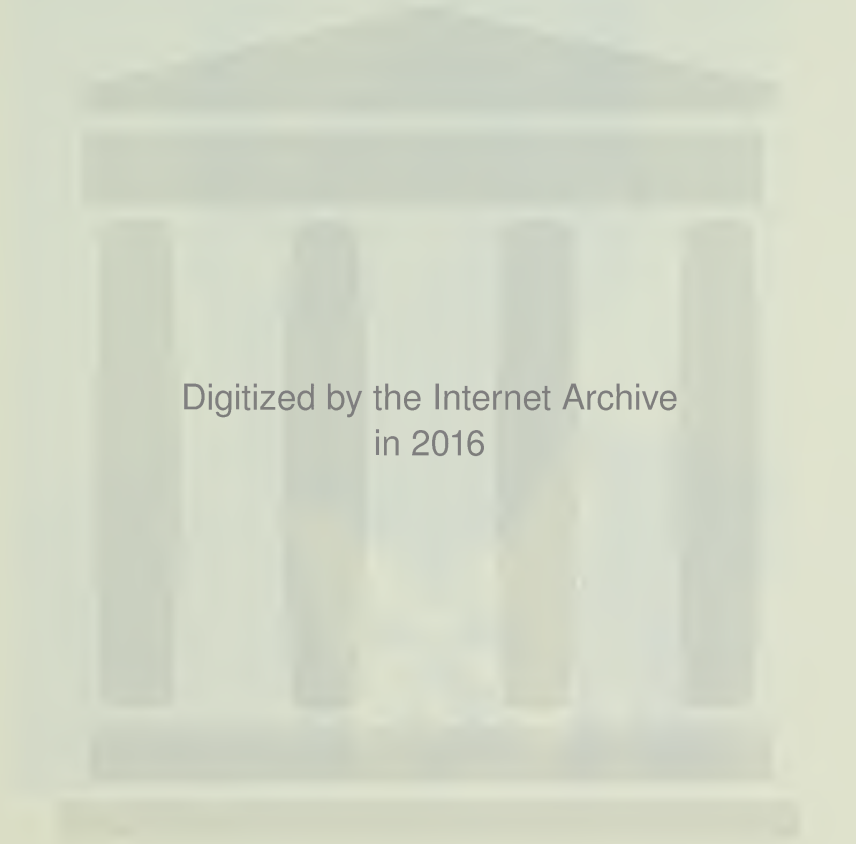
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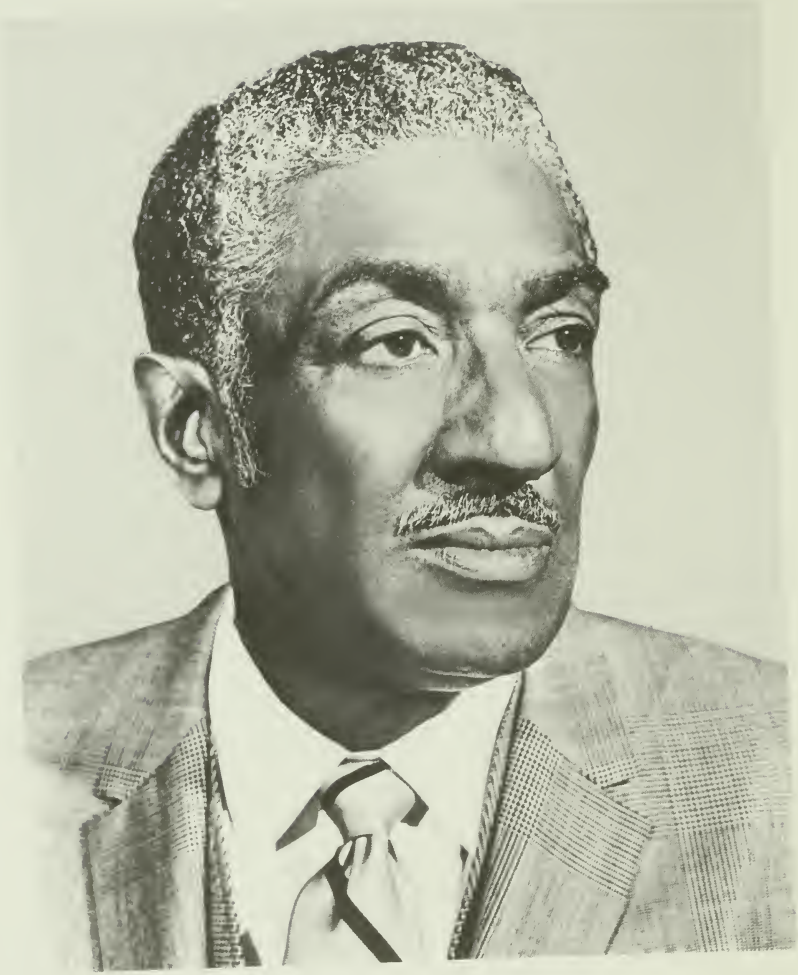

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Biography

Ralph Harold Metcalfe, was born in Atlanta, Fulton County, Ga., May 29, 1910; of the black race; attended the Chicago public schools; Ph. B., Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis., 1936; M.A., University of Southern California, 1939; national interscholastic champion in sprinting, 1929, and national collegiate champion in 1932, 1933, and 1934; held world's record for 100- and 220-yard dash and 100-meter dash; won silver and bronze medals for 100- and 200-meter dash during 1932 Olympics at Los Angeles, Calif., and gold and silver medals for the 400-meter relay and the 100-meter dash in the 1936 Olympics at Berlin, Germany; track coach and political science instructor, Xavier University, New Orleans, La., 1936–42; served as first lieutenant in U.S. Army; received Legion of Merit for program planning as director of physical training; director, Department of Civil Rights for Commission on Human Relations, 1945; Illinois State Athletic Commissioner, 1949–52; elected Democratic committeeman (third ward), 1952, 1956, 1960, 1964, and 1968; elected alderman in 1955, 1959, 1963, and 1967; elected president pro tempore, Chicago City Council, 1969; past president, Joint Negro Appeal, 1963; cochairman, Third Pan American Games, Organizing Committee, 1959; appointed by Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, a member of the National A.A.U. and N.C.A.A. Sports Arbitration Board; board of directors, Illinois Federal Savings and Loan Association; former member, Chicago Planning Commission, 1964; founder, Ralph H. Metcalfe Youth Foundation; member, Austin Committee to investigate the civil disturbance in Chicago following the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.; delegate to Illinois State Democratic conventions, 1953–72; delegate to Democratic National Conventions, 1952–72; member of the President's Commission on Olympic Sports, 1975–77; elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-second Congress, November 3, 1970; reelected to the three succeeding Congresses and served from January 3, 1971, until his death October 10, 1978, in Chicago, Ill.; had been a successful candidate in the primary to the Ninety-sixth Congress; interment in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Worth, Ill.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

FOR

RALPH H. METCALFE

Proceedings in the House

TUESDAY, *October 10, 1978.*

The House met at 10 a.m.

The Chaplain, Rev. Edward G. Latch, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.—Matthew 6: 12.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, once again we join our Hebrew friends in setting aside this day for fasting, prayer, and self-denial. Like all Your children, we have failed to live up to our high expectations. Again and again we have fallen short of Your purposes for our lives and have not used wisely the gifts You have given us. Humbly we make our confession and sincerely we open our hearts to You for Your forgiveness. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Strengthen us to live a better life, to trust You more fully, and to deal with our fellows more justly and more kindly. Thus, may we serve our country fairly and fully and come to the end of the day unashamed and unafraid.

With deep sorrow we learn of the death of our beloved friend RALPH H. METCALFE. We think of his high integrity, his sound character, his friendly spirit, his strong faith, and his devotion to his district and to our country. Comfort his family with Your presence and bless them and us with the memory of a great and a good man.

In Your holy name we pray. Amen.

Mr. MICHEL. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution on the death of the Honorable RALPH H. METCALFE.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1422

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable RALPH H. METCALFE, a Representative from the State of Illinois.

Resolved, That a committee of such Members of the House as the Speaker may designate, together with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolutions were agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report the remaining resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to House Resolution 1422, the Chair appoints as members of the funeral committee of the late Honorable RALPH METCALFE the following Members on the part of the House:

Mr. Price of Illinois; Mr. Brademas, Indiana; Mr. Michel, Illinois; Mr. Derwinski, Illinois; Mr. Rostenkowski, Illinois; Mr. Shipley, Illinois; Mr. Anderson, Illinois; Mr. Findley, Illinois; Mr. McClory, Illinois; Mr. Yates, Illinois; and Mr. Annunzio, Illinois.

Mr. Erlenborn, Illinois; Mr. Railsback, Illinois; Mr. Crane, Illinois; Mr. Murphy, Illinois; Mr. Madigan, Illinois; Mr. O'Brien, Illinois; Mrs. Collins, Illinois; Mr. Mikva, Illinois; Mr. Hyde, Illinois; Mr. Russo, Illinois; and Mr. Simon, Illinois.

Mr. Fary, Illinois; Mr. Corcoran, Illinois; Mr. Diggs, Michigan; Mr. Nix, Pennsylvania; Mr. Hawkins, California; Mr. Leggett, California; Mr. Conyers, Michigan; Mr. Hanley, New York; Mr. Biaggi, New York; Mrs. Chisholm, New York; and Mr. Clay, Missouri.

Mr. Stokes, Ohio; Mr. Dellums, California; Mr. Mitchell, Maryland; Mr. Rangel, New York; Mrs. Burke, California; Mr. Gilman, New York; Miss Jordan, Texas; Mr. Ford, Tennessee; Mr. Akaka, Hawaii; and Mr. Fauntroy, District of Columbia.

ADJOURNMENT

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.), pursuant to House Resolution 1422, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, October 11, 1978, at 10 o'clock a.m.

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to our late, beloved, and respected colleague, RALPH H. METCALFE, whose unexpected passing yesterday is a severe loss to all of us who are privileged to have served with him.

RALPH was a symbol of the changing times which his 68 years spanned. By sheer individual effort, determination, and an unbending commitment to the achievement of excellence, he rose from the ranks of a people whose lives were smitten by poverty and discrimination to heroic proportions that will long be remembered. His natural gifts as an athlete were complemented by a keen intellect and his even temperament and sound judgment allowed him to use both to maximum effectiveness.

More than a friend and colleague, RALPH was a great inspiration whose very presence reminded us that the determined human spirit is equal to every obstacle. He was the living antithesis of defeatism of every form and he left us the lasting legacy of his optimism and triumph.

RALPH was born into a world that frowned upon and segregated him because of his race, but he was not dissuaded from the pursuit of realizing his full potential. It is perhaps a fitting irony that when black Americans were allowed to do little else but enter some forms of athletic competition, RALPH with his great determination and exemplary discipline, was not only uncommonly gifted as an athlete, but excelled at academics as well as politics.

Despite his versatility, the nature of the times in which he grew up were such that only the fact that he could run faster than others appealed to his countrymen. So he ran—right into the history books and into the consciousness of people the world over. He won national sprint championships from 1929 through 1934 and in 1932 and 1936 was a member of the U.S. Olympic team. With much of the world watching in disdainful curiosity, RALPH shored up the glorious feats of the great Jesse Owens in the 1936 Olympics, taking the silver medal in the 100-meter dash and sharing the American victory with Owens and their teammates in the 400-meter relay.

Such achievements would have been enough for one of average ambition, but there was nothing average about RALPH METCALFE.

He continued his commitment to sports and to the development of young people through the example he set and through what he accomplished for others. At Xavier University in New Orleans, he served as track coach while teaching political science, perhaps an early indication of his future interest and vocation. After World War II in which he served with distinction as a lieutenant and received the Legion of Merit for program planning as director of physical education, RALPH went on to become the first black Illinois State Athletic Commissioner and the founder of the Ralph Metcalfe Youth Foundation devoted to athletic, health, and educational programs for young people and to the support of needy families in the community.

From crossing the finish line, RALPH went on to breaking the color line in the field of public service. In 1952, he was elected Democratic committeeman of Chicago's third ward becoming alderman in 1955. In 1969, he was elected to be the first president pro tempore of the Chicago City Council and in 1970, he became a Member of the House of Representatives.

As a Member, RALPH was active in the oversight of numerous Federal programs. He uncovered failures in health programs designed to provide medical care to school children, in housing programs designed to compensate homeowners for deficient appraisals, and in behavior modification programs in prisons.

RALPH wrote the most comprehensive antidiscrimination provisions in the history of railroad law, the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act. He added two antiredlining amendments to the no-fault auto accident insurance bill. He was instrumental in defeating a provision in a health manpower bill that would have prohibited special programs for minorities in medical schools.

Combined with this devotion to the spiritual and material needs of his constituents RALPH has pursued an interest in foreign affairs, which culminated in his chairmanship of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Subcommittee on the Panama Canal. Unafraid of the controversy engendered by this issue, RALPH combined a high-minded idealism with a realistic assessment of U.S. interests in the Canal Zone, along with the other legitimate aspirations of the Panamanian people.

While we are saddened by his loss, we are all fortunate to have known RALPH. We are strengthened by his memory. During his 68 years, he ran the distance for his people. He taught us how to run with heart.

Mr. McCLORY. Mr. Speaker, all of us in the House today mourn the loss of Congressman RALPH METCALFE. He had so many attributes that are a credit to an elected public official. First, he was an eminently likeable man, a man with good relationships with his colleagues here, with his constituents, a man comfortable with himself.

Second, he certainly represented with singular loyalty his Chicago constituency. He broke with the local leadership of his own party in Chicago once over concerns about that constituency. He was a founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus. He was deeply concerned about problems of good education for those who so critically need it.

Third, RALPH METCALFE was an experienced politician, a man who came up through the political ranks in Cook County and Chicago, a man who knew where the levers of power were.

And fourth, although he clearly was an achiever in his own life and an inspiration to many, this came over in a positive, sensitive way. No one ever forgot that RALPH METCALFE was an Olympic champion in the 1930's, but they also never forgot that the very qualities that made him successful in sports made him successful as an elected public official and, more important, as a man.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my personal sympathies and those of my wife, Doris, to RALPH's lovely wife, Fay, to Ralph Metcalfe, Jr., and to Mr. METCALFE's mother and stepmother. I truly grieve the loss of this man who brought honor to this House.

Moreover, Mr. Speaker, those of us in the Illinois congressional delegation, regardless of political party, have special reason to mourn. RALPH METCALFE was one of us and we were proud of it.

Mr. ECKHARDT. Mr. Speaker, it was a terrible blow to me when I heard of RALPH's passing. He was really my mainstay in the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Finance. Frequently when no one else could be found to serve as chairman when I had to be away, RALPH was always there. He was the ranking majority member next to the chairman on the subcommittee. He was sincere, capable, and I can always remember when he first came on our committee, if there was a problem that was likely to divide us, he would find some way to pull us together.

He was a person of great intellect, a gentleman, and a person who knew how to be diplomatic and knew how to press his issue and do it in a determined and able way, but with dignity, more than almost any other man—I think more than any other member of our

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. When he rose, members would listen and put aside their differences. His services on that committee can never be replaced.

Mr. SEIBERLING. Mr. Speaker, I had the privilege of coming to the Congress in the same year that RALPH did and of getting to know him as an individual as well as a legislator.

He was a person of great humanity, of great courage, and of great wisdom. As the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Eckhardt) just said, he was a person who, when things got the roughest, would calm the troubled waters and bring people together. He had the rare quality of combining wisdom with simplicity. There are all too few people in public life who share this particular combination. We are, therefore, going to miss him very, very much in this body, as I am sure his community will also.

But in missing him, we will remember his gallant spirit and his wonderful achievements in a life of service to his people and his country, from the time he was a young man until the very day he died.

Mr. Speaker, I feel a deep sense of personal loss at his passing.

Mr. DEVINE. Mr. Speaker, my relationship with RALPH was somewhat unique in the Congress. It so happens that I was a Varsity-O track man at Ohio State University back in the middle 1930's, but of considerably less talent than either RALPH METCALFE or my teammate, Jesse Owens.

I well recall the exploits of RALPH and the fact that he ran a very close second to Jesse in the 100 meters in the 1936 Olympics. The story goes that he was nipped by about 6 inches by Jesse, and had the race been 5 meters longer, RALPH would have indeed won that gold medal, as he did as a part of the 400-meter relay team. RALPH ran one leg of race and distinguished himself, as did Jesse Owens, in the 1936 Olympics.

Moreover, having served on the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce with RALPH, I would like to reiterate the remarks of our friend, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Eckhardt), who said that he was a man who did his homework, a man who was dedicated, and a man of dignity. He was a man we could rely on.

Mr. Speaker, I join with the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. Collins) and our other colleagues in the House in paying tribute to RALPH METCALFE and extending our deepest sympathy to the Metcalfe family.

Mr. MURPHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, all of us were shocked yesterday to hear the news of the death of our colleague and our very good friend, RALPH METCALFE. RALPH was in his lifetime a number of the things many of us would like to be: He was a savvy politician with a nationwide following and a reputation for courage; he was an athlete who was emulated around the world for his accomplishments; he was a symbol for the aspirations of people who wanted to do better, and he believed people could do better. Most importantly, in both the big and the small things, RALPH METCALFE lived the high-minded ideas he preached—we in the house can attest to that.

RALPH METCALFE was fortunate in that he lived part of his dream during his lifetime. We have been fortunate that RALPH METCALFE has been among us, and we can carry his dreams to fulfillment.

RALPH METCALFE and I were very close both politically and personally. His chairmanship of the Panama Canal Subcommittee of my own Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee gave that subcommittee some of its most vital and important leadership during the ongoing deliberations concerning the new treaties which turn over the Panama Canal to the Government of Panama. Indeed, his leadership will most certainly carry over in next years' hearings on implementing legislation necessary to properly accomplish this most urgent issue.

RALPH was a man who saw that the only way to accomplish a lifetime of service to the American people was, for him, through public office where his dedication and hard work could make a significant difference. Not only did he pursue the public life actively, but a brief glance at his history shows that his people believed in him, and that he was active in virtually every area where he felt he could make a difference. He was elected six times as a Democratic committeeman in Chicago, and four times as alderman. He was President pro tempore of the Chicago City Council, and has served on innumerable boards of directors including the U.S. Olympic Committee and the NAACP.

Many of us will recall RALPH's athletic background, including berths on U.S. Olympic teams in 1932 and 1936 He had been the national intercollegiate sprinting champion in 1929, and the national 100- and 200-yard champion from 1932 to 1934, which earned him international acclaim as a true athletic hero. It is a measure of his

prowess that RALPH METCALFE's running mate on those Olympic teams was the legendary Jesse Owens, who, like Ralph, has served for many years as a model for young men to follow. The Ralph Metcalfe Youth Foundation grew under his expert guidance to develop athletic, health, and educational programs for youth and to support needy families in the community.

RALPH METCALFE's broad range of interests was solidly evidenced in his active contributions to legislation during his tenures on such Subcommittees as Transportation and Commerce, Consumer Protection and Finance, both of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, and my own Merchant Marine Subcommittee, Oceanography Subcommittee, and the Panama Canal Subcommittee, which he so ably chaired. Even with those responsibilities, he found time to be active in the Black Caucus, Democratic Steering Committee, the DSG, and numerous other important organizations.

I would like to point out some of the enduring legislative accomplishments that RALPH METCALFE made while a member of this body. It was his subcommittee that unanimously endorsed his report strongly advocating the rights of the House in the disposal of U.S. property. That report will be an historical landmark. During his tenure as Panama Canal Subcommittee chairman in the 94th and 95th Congresses, the housing, educational, and job opportunities in the Canal Zone were expanded as never before, and much of the change that we saw was at his insistence. He investigated the personnel practices of the Panama Canal organization and pushed for wide-ranging changes, and got many of them.

Outside the committee which I chair, I know that RALPH METCALFE was very interested in and sponsored the Amateur Sports Act of 1978, which the House is considering. He was very interested in reform of our penal system, and pushed legislation for that objective. He authored one of the most comprehensive antidiscrimination provisions in recent legislative history in the so-called 4–R Railroad Act of the 94th Congress.

This country would be better off if the idealism, the concern and compassion for humanity, and the wisdom that RALPH METCALFE demonstrated were more a part of all of us. I know that RALPH would hope that we could expand on his contribution, which he gave not just to the House of Representatives, but to the entire Nation and world.

The people of the great city of Chicago were particularly saddened as the passing of RALPH METCALFE, and the newspapers of that city echoed the feelings of the people.

The newspapers paid tribute to RALPH METCALFE, and in that regard, I respectfully submit for the Record, an editorial from the October 11 Chicago Tribune.

REPRESENTATIVE RALPH METCALFE

U.S. Representative RALPH METCALFE began as a runner and ended his life still running. At 68, in failing health, he kept up a punishing schedule as a Congressman that included almost weekly trips back to his South Side district. His death of a heart attack Tuesday was a grievous shock, but not wholly a surprise; we would have expected Mr. METCALFE to meet death on the run.

Something he told a Tribune interviewer 2 years ago has stuck in our mind. Mr. METCALFE—a gold medal winner in the 1936 Olympics—was talking about his emergency as a track star at Tilden Technical High School: "I was told by my coach that as a black person I'd have to put daylight between me and my nearest competitor. I forced myself to train harder so I could put that daylight behind me."

In a sense, that summed up his honorable career in politics. Mr. METCALFE came up through the ranks of the Democratic organization in Chicago and its 1st District subgroup under the late Representative William Dawson; he was third ward alderman for 15 years and was considered a loyalist to the Daley organization. And yet there was always some daylight between himself and the Democratic machine. His first loyalty was to his constituents, not to the party leadership.

When his open split with Mayor Daley finally came over his charges of police brutality, it widened rapidly. As Mr. Dawson's successor in the 1st District, Mr. METCALFE quickly became a strong voice for black Chicagoans who had long felt themselves ignored or short-changed by standard machine politics. He became an independent force in his own right, one who could—and often did—successfully defy the organization.

RALPH METCALFE's energy and dedication have changed for the better the course of Chicago politics. His own word is the right one: He gave his city more daylight.

CONGRESSMAN, 68, CLIMBED THE RANKS

U.S. Representative RALPH H. METCALFE, 68, the former Olympic track star who rose through the ranks of the Cook County Democratic organization to become a powerful Chicago alderman and then a Congressman, was found dead Tuesday in his South Side apartment.

Aides said a bodyguard went to METCALFE's apartment at 4500 South Michigan Avenue to take the Congressman to O'Hare International Airport, where he was to catch a flight to Washington, D.C.

After receiving no response to his knocks, the bodyguard obtained a key to the apartment from a neighbor and discovered METCALFE. He was taken by ambulance to Michael Reese Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 9:38 a.m.

METCALFE was in Chicago for the weekend to help his son, Ralph Jr., 30, in his campaign for alderman of the third ward, a position the senior METCALFE held for 15 years.

Aides said the Congressman apparently had suffered a heart attack. He had suffered a previous heart attack in 1967.

METCALFE was a protege of U.S. Representative William Dawson, for 40 years the undisputed boss of his South Side district. When Dawson announced his retirement in 1970, METCALFE won his seat in Congress. Dawson died a few days after the election, before leaving office. METCALFE won reelection three times.

Long considered a stalwart of the Democratic organization, one who had followed the route through the ranks from assistant precinct captain to ward committeeman to Congressman, METCALFE broke with the late Mayor Richard J. Daley in 1972 over the issue of police brutality.

For a while, METCALFE was considered a potential candidate for mayor in 1975, and he later endorsed Daley's liberal challenger, former Alderman William Singer, in the Democratic primary.

In retaliation, Daley stripped METCALFE of his patronage in the third ward. But the late mayor was never able to dent METCALFE's base of power.

Challenged by Daley aide Erwin France in the 1976 Democratic primary race for Congress, METCALFE won handily. In an even more bitterly contested fight, he also retained his post as third ward committeeman.

The most critical threat to METCALFE's political career occurred when the Internal Revenue Service began in 1972 to scrutinize his income tax returns from the late 1960's, a period when METCALFE was chairman of the Chicago City Council's Building and Zoning Committee. No charges were brought against METCALFE, who contended that the Federal investigation was his punishment for breaking with Daley.

"An investigation of my rule could only prove that I have no skeletons in my closet, but I am not ruling out the possibility that facts might be rearranged, producing an indictment as punishment for my independence," METCALFE said. "At this point, I expect the worst."

METCALFE made a career of fighting racism, but often was reviled by more militant blacks because—until 1972—his efforts were on the personal rather than public level.

He was born in Atlanta on May 30, 1910. His father moved the family north to Chicago seeking better employment for himself and an education for his children that was free of the Southern antagonisms.

METCALFE was educated in Chicago public schools and became a track star at Tilden Technical High School.

He went to Marquette University, was captain of the track team there, and was national collegiate champion in the 100- and 220-yard dashes from 1932 through 1934.

METCALFE was a member of the U.S. Olympic track team in 1932 and 1936. He won individual silver medals both times, finishing second in the 100-meter dash to Jesse Owens in 1936 and second to Eddie Tolan of the University of Michigan in 1932. He shared a gold medal in the 400-meter relay in the 1936 Olympics in Berlin.

During World War II, he served as an Army first lieutenant and won the Legion of Merit for program planning as director of physical education.

Returning to Chicago, METCALFE held a series of political posts. He was the first black appointed to the Illinois State Athletic Commission in 1949 and served as an administrative assistant to the board of examiners under former Mayor Martin Kennelly.

In 1952, Dawson engineered the ouster of State Senator C. C. Wimpish as Democratic committeeman in the third ward and installed METCALFE in the post.

METCALFE quit his City Hall job in 1955, one of several ward committeemen who resigned their positions to demonstrate their support of Daley as mayoral candidate. When Daley won election for his first term as mayor, METCALFE was in the city council as a first-term alderman.

Through the years, METCALFE was rewarded for his loyalty to Daley—first with better and better assignments on the council and then with the party's nod to take over the First Congressional District seat held by Dawson.

In 1969, METCALFE became the first black elected to the post of president pro tempore of the city council.

Once in Washington, METCALFE became a more visible spokesman for black rights—he was a member of the Black Congressional Caucus—but it was not until several close friends reported indignities at the hands of Chicago police that METCALFE broke with Daley.

In one demonstration of his independence, METCALFE quietly supported Republican Bernard Carey in his successful race for State's attorney against Edward Hanrahan in 1972.

METCALFE did not make his peace with the Democratic organization until after Daley's death in 1976.

In Congress, METCALFE served on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee and the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee. Last month, he won a commitment from a House subcommittee to conduct hearings in Chicago on the problems of crime and security at Robert Taylor Homes housing project.

In 1976, he was elected vice-chairman of the Democratic Study Group for the 95th Congress.

He was a member of the NAACP, the Chicago Urban League, and Corpus Christi Roman Catholic Church. He was the founder of the Ralph H. Metcalfe Youth Foundation, devoted to athletic, health, and educational programs for youth and the support of poor families. He was named a member of the President's Commission on Olympic Sports in 1975.

In addition to his son, METCALFE is survived by his wife, Madalynne Fay, whom he married in 1947. She was in Washington at the time of his death.

CHICAGO'S LEADERS PRAISE METCALFE'S SERVICE TO CITIZENS

Chicago area officials expressed shock and sorrow Tuesday when they learned of the death of Representative RALPH METCALFE (D., Chicago), one of the top leaders of Chicago's black community.

"We've lost a fine public servant and a dedicated Chicagoan," said Mayor Bilandic.

"He was truly admired by his colleagues," said Representative Morgan Murphy (D., Chicago), who represents another South Side congressional district.

Murphy said that METCALFE had been ill for a long time but "never let up his pace. As a younger Member of Congress you could always go to him for advice and counsel. He was truly admired by his colleagues."

George W. Dunne, Cook County Board president and county Democratic chairman, extended condolences to Congress, METCALFE's constituents, and his family.

Dunne said he had known METCALFE since the 1930's when METCALFE was an Olympic champion.

Dunne recalled that they had attended the same officers candidate school before military service in World War II.

"Later, when he got active politically, we renewed our friendship."

Both Dunne and Murphy said they didn't think METCALFE's falling out with the late Mayor Richard J. Daley weakened METCALFE's prestige in Washington or in his congressional district.

"It was not a serious problem," Dunne said. "I respected RALPH in all ways. His relationship with the organization [he was third ward Democratic committeeman] for the past few years has been fine."

Bilandic said that he had served in the city council with METCALFE when both were aldermen from South Side wards. He said that later, as mayor, he testified before Congressional committees for which METCALFE was either chairman or serving as a member.

"I believe we are all better for having known Alderman and Congressman METCALFE."

A spokesman for Clergy & Laity Concerned, 542 South Dearborn Street, said METCALFE's death was a "great setback for the cause of peace and human rights in our society and the world."

Representative Dan Rostenkowski (D., Chicago) described METCALFE as "a friend long before he became a Congressman" and praised him for efforts to provide Federal funds for sports programs.

"When RALPH spoke on sports, everyone listened," Rostenkowski said.

Representative Sidney Yates (D., Chicago) hailed METCALFE as "an outstanding public servant."

Mr. RUDD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. Collins) in support of this eulogy and in eulogizing RALPH METCALFE, a real gentleman.

Mr. Speaker, before I came to Congress, one of my colleagues, now a retired judge in Arizona, told me that as soon as I got here, I should look up RALPH METCALFE, because he was a fine gentleman. He said:

> You know, while we were in college, I at Notre Dame and he at Marquette, I ate his dust in every track meet we ever participated in, and he was the world's fastest human being on the track just after Jesse Owens, who had that title.

I had the privilege of joining Congressman RALPH METCALFE on a trip to Panama at the time when we were looking over the Panama Canal situation. My respect for him grew immediately to great proportions. He was a reasonable gentleman. I know our Congress and this House will be better for his membership here. Let me extend sincere sympathy to his wife and family.

Mr. FLYNT. Mr. Speaker, I join in paying tribute to the life and memory of my good friend and beloved colleague, RALPH METCALFE. I remember when Mr. METCALFE was first elected to the House of Representatives. I remember speaking to him and taking him by the hand in the well of this House where the gentlewoman now stands. I like to think that we have been dear friends since that time.

RALPH METCALFE was a fine gentleman in every sense of the word. He was a man of his word. You could always depend upon him. His word was his bond. He was a man of great personal and political courage. I feel that my life has been enriched by being included within his circle of friends. And, Mr. Speaker, like you and our colleagues, I shall miss him very, very much. Mrs. Flynt joins me in extending to Mrs. Metcalfe and their family our heart-felt sympathy and condolences.

Mr. MAHON. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join our colleagues in paying tribute to the memory of RALPH METCALFE. I have known RALPH since he came to Congress. It so happened that RALPH and I worked together on a number of matters and I learned the type of man he was. I was excited and delighted over my visits with him from time to time—and I visited with him about something quite extensive about 4 or 5 days ago.

It is just good that we have people of his quality and stature serving in Congress. Of course, when they have gone, we sustain a great loss, just as his district and State will sustain a great loss. I just want to add my words to the words that have been spoken by many others

by way of tribute and respect. RALPH METCALFE meant a lot to our Nation.

I consider it a privilege to have known RALPH METCALFE, and Helen and I extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family.

Mrs. FENWICK. Mr. Speaker, Congressman METCALFE's running days were over when we met, and so were mine, and so I saw him in quite a different light. I saw his as a fine, independent, and courageous legislator, an honorable politician. That is a lot to say about any human being. The respect Mr. METCALFE had in the House was something I think we all remember, and certainly his family must cherish it in his memory.

Mr. PHILLIP BURTON. Mr. Speaker, I too, want to express the sadness that my wife, Sala, and I feel about the passing of a dear friend, to express what I know is in all of our hearts—that RALPH's beautiful wife Fay be given the necessary strength to bear this burden.

I first met RALPH METCALFE in 1957 when he was the ward committeeman in the third ward of Chicago, and I was active in those days in the Young Democrats. The Cook County organization and its younger counterpart had many attributes, but I was especially struck with the fact that of all the wards in Chicago, the third ward was the one ward that had meaningfully involved a great number of the young people in its community, young people who were obviously concerned about correcting the injustices they saw all around them. And these young people adored RALPH METCALFE and his personal qualities of leadership. I thought it was really quite remarkable that in this one ward I perceived more activity and commitment and concern and leadership than in any of the other wards put together, I found this to be very impressive.

RALPH had a great career as an athlete, and he had a great career in public life. I cannot prove that any one single factor in RALPH's life had more meaning than any other, but I must affirm that for me this gracious and decent person's lasting imprint among all the other great achievements was his strength and ability to withstand any efforts to superimpose terms on his community by a power structure that was not relevant to the needs of RALPH's constituency.

Because of RALPH's enormous courage, he was able not only to survive but to be victorious over those who sought to purge him, because he spoke for the needs and concerns and aspirations of his community. And more importantly—and this is his legacy, or one of them—I think that large political power groupings were sent a message by RALPH, and that message as I would construe it, was that the

underrepresented and the deprived political constituencies of this country as embodied in the enormous METCALFE victory in that contested primary of his a few years ago, were telling the greater community, if you will, that, "You are not coming in here and dictating terms to us about who is going to speak for us, who is going to represent us, and who is going to fight to advance our cause."

I think that message perhaps has been understood ever since, that the effort to purge from on high, if you will, in the immediate constituencies such as RALPH's and a number of the rest of our colleagues is an ancient idea whose time has long since gone and will no longer be tolerated by the poor and underrepresented of our country. And they and I shall miss this fine man.

Mr. ANDERSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I certainly want to associate myself with all of the eloquent tributes that have already been made here in the House of Representatives today to mark the passing of a dear friend and a departed colleague, RALPH METCALFE.

I brought with me the clipping that appeared in the newspaper this morning, and I was reminded again of one of the paragraphs in the article that reported just the passing of RALPH METCALFE. I was reminded of that in what was just said by the distinguished gentleman from California (Mr. Phillip Burton), when he referred to the act of exemplary political courage that marked the career of this great man.

He was willing to do battle even with his own party leadership at a time when he felt they were not adequately representing the interests of his people. I quote from some remarks that are reported and that were made by RALPH at the time when he said:

> I know the political realities of what I'm doing * * * I'm willing to pay whatever political consequences I have to * * *

What a political testimonial that is for any man to leave when he leaves this body, to be remembered by his colleagues as a man of that kind of principle and courage.

He had a great career in the world of sports. He was awarded the Legion of Merit for the work that he did as a physical training director in World War II. He was a great patriot. He was a great Congressman.

I know I speak not only for myself but also for all the other Members of the Illinois delegation, many of whom have expressed their own feelings, but we all feel a great loss at the passing of RALPH METCALFE.

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, Congressman RALPH METCALFE and I were not only neighbors but we often walked together as we would see each other in speeding to get to the floor from our offices in the Longworth House Office Building. I saw him on the weekends when he was working as if the hours he put in his office in the evenings were not enough and there was still more to be done.

I join with my colleagues in paying tribute to RALPH METCALFE. In many of the careers he has pursued he has always been the first: The International Olympics, his work in Chicago before he came to the Congress, his work in the Roman Catholic Church, and the Youth Foundation. Somehow, RALPH managed to do all of these things so well. Most of us would be satisfied, when we leave this earth, to have achieved what he has, as well as he has, in so many fields. Yet, I think it was what my colleague, the gentleman from California (Mr. Phillip Burton), said that really impressed me the most. I had known so little about RALPH as a person before I met him as a Member of the U.S. Congress. In reading about his background and meeting him personally, I was impressed with how distinguished a person he truly was and how gentle, calm, and soft-spoken he was.

Some years ago, I went to Chicago during the time when youngsters were at the height of displaying how militant they could be. At a time when public officials, community leaders, and the clergy had apparently lost the respect of our young people, I was pleasantly shocked and surprised to see that the youth who had been described as antisocial were now joining in youth organization in support of RALPH METCALFE. I asked them exactly what kind of attributes they, who were not considered to be part of the political structure, found in Mr. METCALFE that made him one of their champions. Then, I found out about the RALPH METCALFE that I did not know as a legislator. He had taken on not only the political power structure of Chicago but he was prepared to stand up and talk about the brutality, the insensitivity, and the lack of accountability of the police department of Chicago. Very few of us have had the experience at the local level in dealing with a strong police department and strong mayor as RALPH METCALFE did in Chicago.

So it was this type of "militant" RALPH that I looked for and found as a Member of this House of Representatives, one that fought for the rights of blacks and other minorities, one who fought for the rights of senior citizens here and in the State legislature and one who had

courage to stand tall as the leader of the Panama Canal agreement in the House.

I suppose all of us would like to join with you, Mrs. Collins, in saying that all of us knew a little different part of RALPH METCALFE. I think all of us feels a greater need to improve upon the quality of our work; to make certain that the investment he made in us as friends and colleagues will make him proud; that we are continuing to carry on the struggle that he started so many years ago, and ended up in fighting politically to survive as the Representative of the First Congressional District in Chicago. Mrs. Collins, when RALPH left to go home to campaign, I quizzed him, and asked him why he thought he had to campaign so hard in an election in which he was deemed to be the victor. He said, with all seriousness, because he had to try harder, to fight harder, to win harder, because it was always a constant political struggle. I only hope that as you carry on your struggle in the adjacent district in Chicago, where the same type of problems exist, that all of the people back home—the political leaders and community leaders—will recognize the vast vacuum in civil rights and human rights that has been brought on by the passing of RALPH METCALFE. I hope they will be guided by that and send us someone who at least knows how large the void is here because we have lost our dear friend and beloved colleague, Congressman RALPH METCALFE.

Mr. O'NEILL. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I join my colleagues in paying tribute to the untimely passing of one of the most decent and honorable human beings with whom I have had the privilege of serving in the House of Representatives, the Honorable RALPH METCALFE.

I will always remember our colleague, RALPH METCALFE, first and foremost, as a fine gentleman. Possessing a gracious and pleasing personality, RALPH went about his daily tasks with sincere dedication and diligence. He was kind, compassionate, and deeply committed to helping his constituents of Chicago's South Side.

Quiet, low-keyed, yet persuasive and sensitive, RALPH METCALFE could be darn tough when he advocated a cause to which he was committed. RALPH METCALFE hated injustice; he hated prejudice and bigotry; he hated mistreatment and unfairness; and, he was not afraid to stand up and be counted on the side of the dignity of every human being, even when it meant going against close and personal friends.

I am deeply grateful to RALPH for his support, through the years, and for his dedicated service as a member of the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee, the leadership team in the House.

I know that RALPH's family and all of his colleagues were proud of his athletic achievements. I remember discussing his splendid athletic career with him one day. He told me how he and Jesse Owens were great friends, yet tough, competitive rivals. "You know Tip," RALPH said, "I beat Jesse 9 out of 10 times in national and international competition, and that 10th time, the one time he won, was the famous 100-meter dash where he set the world record in the 1936 Olympics. And for that victory Jesse is remembered in the annals of sports lore, and no one remembers that I finished second to Jesse in that race; that I was the 'second fastest human' in the world." What RALPH forgot to mention to me that day was that he achieved in international track competition what no other American had ever done before or since; and that he will be remembered in the record books as one of the great stars in Olympic competition, who won a gold, two silver and a bronze medal. And that was quite an accomplishment!

RALPH METCALFE never rested on his laurels. He always wanted to use these personal triumphs to help other young people achieve their potential. Through the establishment of the Ralph Metcalfe Youth Foundation, he furnished young people opportunities to channel their unbridled energies and natural athletic talents into sports, which opened up a whole new life for these young people.

As an American, a public servant, and a nationally and internationally famous athlete, RALPH METCALFE's whole life, both public and private, represented those respected and admired values of courage and decency.

My wife, Millie, joins me in expressing our sympathy and sincere condolences to RALPH's wife, Madalynne, and the entire Metcalfe family.

Mr. SIMON. Mr. Speaker, I was in the small town of Metropolis, Ill., yesterday morning when Odell Korte from the radio station there came up to me as I was about to speak to the senior citizens of Metropolis, and he handed me a message that RALPH METCALFE had died.

I told the group there—and, as I recall, there probably was not a black face in the group—that their lives had been enriched by RALPH METCALFE.

I think my colleague, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. McClory) summarized it best when he said that RALPH METCALFE was a champion in every respect. Like I suppose every one of us who is this Member's age, or older, I first learned of RALPH when hearing about him in the Olympics.

Then, about 20 years ago or so, I first got to know RALPH METCALFE.

My colleague, the gentleman from New York (Mr. Rangel), referred to him as a "gentle man" and he was that, both one word, "gentleman," and two words, "gentle man." However, there were those who did not understand that one can be both gentle and tough, and RALPH was both of those things.

Mr. Speaker, when the problem arose about police-community relations in Chicago, as my colleague from Illinois (Mrs. Collins) will recall, there was a division between the mayor of Chicago, Mayor Daley, and RALPH METCALFE.

Mayor Daley contributed a great deal to the city of Chicago, but like all of us he had weaknesses and there were areas in which he lacked some sensitivities, and one of those was in the black community.

I had the privilege of working with RALPH when he became president pro tem of the Chicago City Council, which was about the same time I became Lieutenant Governor of Illinois.

In any event, as a result of the division between RALPH and Mayor Daley, we ended up with another battle of champions, something like the Jesse Owens-RALPH METCALFE battle. Incidentally, in reference to that Owens-METCALFE race, you could mention to RALPH, "I saw you on television last night." There always were reruns of that race. They used to rerun not the relay in which RALPH came in first, but they would run the 100-meter dash where he came in second to Jesse Owens.

He always laughed about that and said, "Yes, I keep coming in second."

But in the battle of champions between Mayor Daley and RALPH METCALFE, RALPH came in first; his community recognized the contribution he made.

Mr. Speaker, each of us who had the opportunity to know RALPH is richer for that experience; and the country, in a very real sense, is richer for having had the contribution of RALPH METCALFE. He served not only his congressional district, not only the city of

Chicago and the State of Illinois, but he served the Nation, and his interests were beyond that. He chaired the Panama Canal Subcommittee. He got no votes back home by providing leadership on an issue like that, but he was willing to assume that responsibility.

Mr. Speaker, we are going to miss him in this House; and the Nation is going to miss him.

Mr. MADIGAN. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. Simon), who just preceded me, has referred to the town of Metropolis in his district in Illinois. As the gentlewoman from Illinois knows, that is the fictional home of Superman. While RALPH METCALFE was certainly not a superman, he might very well have been the closest thing to that which we will have in this House for a while because, as has been said here, he excelled not only in sports, not only in the service during World War II, but in both local government and the National Government.

Mr. Speaker, there is another fictional character to whom we can refer. I know the gentlewoman from Illinois will remember F. Scott Fitzgerald's Great Gatsby in which the athlete excelled in everything until the age of 21, at which time everything became anticlimactic and he was not able to do anything more.

That certainly was not the case with RALPH METCALFE because as the gentleman from New York (Mr. Rangel) said a moment ago, he was working, and striving, and fighting to excel every moment of his life.

Mr. Speaker, just 3 weeks ago, I rode in an airplane with RALPH. We talked again, as we have many times since we have been in Congress, about our Chicago sports teams, which both of us loved so very much. We talked about athletes and about physical conditioning and especially about the heart-lung relationship which was very much on his mind that evening.

I spoke to RALPH as a friend and suggested that perhaps he might decide to take it just a little bit easier, but he talked about his son, who was a candidate for alderman in their ward in Chicago, and he spoke about his deep concern for his son's political future.

I was reminded of my own father who got up out of a sickbed to go with me the first time that I was a candidate for public office to make sure that my petitions were filed correctly.

I would say to the gentlewoman that those of us who have been preceded in politics by husbands and fathers are best consoled today by the thought that the good a man does lives after him.

I am awed by the career of RALPH METCALFE. I respected him very much, and I am very much saddened by his death. But I am like the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. Collins), very much challenged by the career that he has had. I think it is an example that he has had. I think it is an example for all of us. I again congratulate the gentlewoman on the initiative of taking this special order.

Mr. FAUNTROY. Mr. Speaker, it is with sorrow and a deep sense of personal loss that I rise to pay tribute to a fallen legislative warrior. Death is never a welcomed visitor, though we know he is a frequent traveler among us. And though our friend and colleague had tasted all that life has to offer, the "frequent traveler" was not expected.

RALPH METCALFE was not only a trusted colleague, he was a close friend. I shall truly miss him. Our hallowed halls will be without one of our most sensitive human beings. The Congress and the American people will miss his dedication and leadership as a Member of the House of Representatives. RALPH's death is a particularly significant loss for the Congressional Black Caucus. He was chairman and guiding force for the caucus braintrust on health. His legacy of thoughtful devotion to duty and political courage will be with us always. I shall remember RALPH's selflessness in sacrificing political security to save the rights of the people he served.

He was a gifted athlete, an American hero, who used his academic and athletic skills of concentration and discipline to help shape important legislation for all the people of our country. He was indeed a congressional hero.

Death visits us at all seasons and sometimes we must say as Jonathan said to David in a moment of farewell: "Tomorrow is the new Moon, and thou shalt be missed because thy place shall be empty." We have come together here on the floor of the House of Representatives to say to our good friend RALPH METCALFE: "Tomorrow is the new Moon, and thou shalt be missed because thy place shall be empty."

Mr. DERWINSKI. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. Madigan) mentioned the film which was replayed on TV which showed RALPH finishing second in the Olympic 100-meter. When I was in the service, they had a special film demonstrating physical fitness and in that particular film RALPH carried the baton and came across the line first, leading the U.S. relay team. I remember that film very well.

Coming from the Chicago area, I appreciate the long years of leadership and effectiveness with which RALPH represented the people of his district. His loss is a loss to the Nation and the State, as well as to the people of his district.

I remind the Members that just a few weeks ago when we passed the civil service reform bill that RALPH METCALFE as a member of the committee was one of the most effective Members in supporting the cause of good Government that that reflected.

He had a great legislative career. He was one of our most effective Members; but as so many Members have pointed out, he was also a great inspiration to us. It is that inspiration and the leadership qualities he had that we will long remember.

I join all the Members in eulogizing our colleague.

Mrs. BOGGS. Mr. Speaker, I, too, would like to join, as a political widow, now a Member of this House, in thanking the gentlewoman from Illinois for arranging this beautiful tribute to our friend and also for joining with other Members who have talked so eloquently about political families, especially to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. Madigan).

The other day when RALPH was talking on the floor about his bill, I had up in the gallery three young athletes from my district. They had just come back from winning a bronze medal for the United States in the Volkov Cup competition as acrobats in Russia. The reason that they had been invited to that particular competition was because even though they were the national champions of the U.S. team, they were discriminated against because they were too young to participate in the world championships as our representatives.

What a wonderful thing it was to make up for this to them. The White House was very kind about having them come there. Chip Carter had a long conversation with them. I had them here and did everything I could think of to make it a great day for them. Then by happenstance to come into the gallery with these young athletes, who had been discriminated against, these young champions, and to have them see RALPH METCALFE, their hero, on the floor speaking out for amateur athletics was a thrill, indeed. I thought, isn't that like RALPH METCALFE? Wherever discrimination can be reversed or wherever inspiration to persons or groups of persons is needed, RALPH has always been there. It was always a source of particular pride to Hale and to me that RALPH and Fay and Hale and I became good friends almost immediately upon his coming to this body, because RALPH's mother was from Shreveport, La., and Fay kept asking me to please

give her some Louisiana gumbo recipes; but this is the type of human side of a wonderful leader that all of us will remember. He was a man that stood for everything that is fine in this country. We will miss him terribly here in the House.

I kept thinking when I was listening to the Delegate from the District of Columbia, who is a minister, how RALPH, indeed, had lived the Christian life. It is from men such as he that perhaps some day the world will be able to sing with the psalmist that:

> Truth and beauty shall meet and justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth and justice shall rain down from heaven.

Mr. FINDLEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with sadness that I think of the passing of our colleague, RALPH METCALFE. Over the years we had become close friends. He always had time to stop and chat, to talk over issues large or small.

I admired him for many things, especially his spirit of independence. But equally, I admired his thoughtful attitude toward his colleagues. He was never brusque or overbearing, always helpful, friendly.

He will be remembered by many people as a fearless legislator, and he was. By others as a great athlete, or as a black leader. But to me he will be remembered best as a considerate friend.

Mr. DANIELSON. Mr. Speaker, all of us already miss RALPH METCALFE, although he has been gone only 1 day.

I first met RALPH in the fall of 1970. We were elected at the same time to the 92d Congress. I remember that, in our indoctrination period when we were learning what to do when we became Congressmen, we sat together and visited together and began what turned out to be a long and beautiful friendship.

I echo and join in the thoughts of our colleagues who have commented today on the fine job RALPH METCALFE did as a Member of the Congress in his official capacity. We all concur with the words of admiration that have been expressed as to his ability to perform his job on his committees, his duty to his country, and also the work that he did for his constituents, but I would like to put into this Record the fact that my personal recollection will always be colored most by my appreciation for the opportunity to have known and to have been a friend of RALPH METCALFE. If you knew him, if you were lucky enough to know him, you had a fast friend.

RALPH and I used to walk back and forth to our offices from the floor and visit about everything going on here in the House, and we became very much acquainted with each other's ideas.

I also frequently had my lunch down in the Member's dining room at that little triangular table in the corner—and the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. Collins) is often there—and as we all know, we sit around the table, and as we have our tuna salad sandwich or whatever it may be, we talk about everything under the sun, about politics, about legislation, the problems of our time, and everything under the dome of the Capitol. RALPH usually had lunch there with us. We got to know each other extremely well.

Mr. Speaker, I just want to be remembered as saying that knowing him and being with him for 8 years greatly enriched my life and the lives of everyone else who had the same privilege.

Mr. HAWKINS. Mr. Speaker, with the passing of my colleague and a dear friend, Congressman RALPH H. METCALFE, today, I join with others in paying final tribute to one who was a great public servant and a world-renowned figure in the athletic arena.

He served four terms as a Member of the House of Representatives from the First District of Illinois. He was chairman of the Subcommittee on the Panama Canal; and served on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee and the Post Office and Civil Service Committee.

In 1936 he won the hearts of millions with his athletic prowess, and returned home the victor from that famous Olympic feat in Germany.

The world will remember him as that famous sprinter who captured their hearts; but, America will also remember him as a dedicated public servant. RALPH cosponsored more than a hundred bills, many of them have since become law. Among his major concerns and interests were: The elderly, the disadvantaged, housing, jobs, crime, energy, and consumer affairs.

Throughout RALPH's life his interest and love of sports never diminished. He was the founder of the Ralph H. Metcalfe Youth Foundation—an organization devoted to athletic, health and education programs for disadvantaged youth. He knew the value of sports, and its emphasis on fair play, which was evident in his philosophy as a dedicated legislator.

After graduation from the University of Southern California, he was a track coach and political science instructor at Xavier University of New Orleans. Many of the organizations of which he was a member involved sports, but he held in high esteem his membership in other organizations as well. He served in the United States Army from 1944 until his honorable discharge as first lieutenant in 1946.

Congressman RALPH H. METCALFE will be missed, sorely missed, but he left us a legacy. One that as we follow, we might hear his voice over our shoulders saying "just one more lap, just one more lap." To persevere would be an appropriate memorial to him. To paraphrase one of my favorite expressions: "* * * it is not who makes the loudest noise, who should win our respect, but he who quietly goes about the business of changing the wrongs." That was RALPH's way.

Mr. COLLINS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, what a shocking blow to learn yesterday on the House floor about the fatal heart attack of RALPH METCALFE. Everyday I walked back and forth with RALPH to the House floor. I was so proud to have RALPH as a friend. He was warm, loyal and radiated such deep sincerity.

I remember so well our conversations last week. He had so many plans for Chicago. He had great plans for his son, Ralph Jr. Everything that RALPH talked about was vivid and full of action.

I remember back to the day that RALPH METCALFE came to Congress. I had always wanted to meet RALPH METCALFE as he had been a hero to me. Many, many years ago I was always pulling for RALPH METCALFE to win the race. Back in the days when he ran, the U.S.A. had the world's great sprinters and the great relay team. There were other great ones but the one that always stood out in my mind was RALPH METCALFE. Although I had never known him before, I found the quality and spirit that he had in the days when he was America's Olympic star had persisted through the years. He was a winner all the way.

I liked to visit with RALPH because he had such an intelligent, comprehensive view on any subject. He talked in level, measured terms. When he spoke in the Commerce Committee, it was concise and common sense.

He thought well of every man and woman with whom he came in contact. He had a deep concern for everyone that lived in his district in Chicago. He thought of his constituents as each of them being a personal friend. When we talked about problems back in Chicago, there was no small problem as everyone that had an issue knew that RALPH METCALFE would give them a good hearing.

My wife and I extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Metcalfe and all of the family. RALPH METCALFE was a man of character, intelligence, and leadership. He represented Illinois well as one of our greatest Americans. I am proud that I had an opportunity to know and serve in Congress with RALPH METCALFE.

Mr. ZABLOCKI. Mr. Speaker, all of us were shocked and deeply saddened upon hearing of the passing of our colleague, RALPH METCALFE.

There was much I had in common with RALPH. We both represented urban districts. Therefore, we were interested in urban problems.

Likewise, we had a common denomination in education: We both attended the same university, Marquette University, in my hometown of Milwaukee, Wis., where he got his early training as an athlete and went to law school.

We had a common interest in international affairs; most recently, on the Panama Canal issue in which, as chairman of the Merchant Marine Subcommittee on the Panama Canal, he was a leader in support of the treaties.

I deeply appreciated RALPH's counsel and advice as a friend and colleague over the years. I know we will sorely miss him. We are all the richer because our paths have crossed with RALPH's. To his wife Madalynne, and to his family in this hour of bereavement, I extend my sincerest sympathy.

Mr. WAMPLER. Mr. Speaker, it was a sense of great personal loss that I learned of the demise of our friend and late colleague, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. METCALFE). He and I occupied offices on the same floor in the Rayburn House Office Building, and many times during the course of a normal week we would walk back and forth together as we were coming from our offices to attend to our duties here on the floor of the House. This gave me a unique opportunity to get to know this man and to learn much of his background, of his aspirations, of his philosophy. I observed him here on the floor on more than one occasion. I came to appreciate his levelheadedness and the fact that he new human nature. He new that all of us were subject to certain biases, and regional prejudices. I think this man understood what made America great. I wish some words of mine would be adequate to express my personal feeling of loss on this occasion. This House is indeed a better institution for having had a man like RALPH METCALFE in our presence for the time that he served here. RALPH METCALFE was a good and noble man. I extend to his wife and family my deepest sympathy and I wish for them God's richest blessings in this troubled time.

Mr. McKAY. Mr. Speaker, RALPH METCALFE and I came to the Congress together, and, like the gentleman from California (Mr.

Danielson), we met at the lunch table on many occasions. I met him in Chicago as we returned from our recesses and as we traveled back on the plane. In our conversations I remember him as a man who always, whenever there was criticism, was the first to rise or find the good points of the person talked about. Whatever the circumstances, he could always find some positive thing to say—"Well, but he has got this to consider, and you need to know that his heart was in the right place and he was doing the thing he thought was right." Those kinds of comments were prolific in his conversation. RALPH was a man, who, from my experience, and from what I knew of him, was not to be intimidated by threats of either physical or psychological intimidation. He was a man of his word, to my knowledge, which is a great credit. I would like to extend my condolences to his family. A man is not much better than his family and those who live around him, because it is people who make us what we are. Things are peripheral. People is what makes things important. And I suppose in this time of stress RALPH is relieved. The trials of mortal anxiety, whether physical or mental, are past for him.

But for those who are left behind concern, sorrow, missing are left with them. I would like to extend my condolences to those who are left, who are bereaved; first, that the Almighty will give them some comfort in these hours of bereavement, in the solace of identity. Perhaps the poet expressed it:

> Dying is like a ship sailing.
> There are those who, in the harbor, who bid her goodby
> And as the sail sinks in the setting sun on yonder shores
> There waves the hand to say hello.

For those who have gone on before RALPH, we trust that it may be so, and comfort will be theirs.

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I pay tribute to one of the finest men who has ever served in this body.

I came to know RALPH METCALFE shortly after he had come to the House and worked very closely with him over the period of years that he served here in this institution. RALPH was a man who had the ability to inspire people, the type of individual who, as you came to know him, you would have to admire.

His dedication and commitment to the people he represented was something that always struck me in a way that made me admire the service that he gave to his people. I often discussed with him some of his political commitment in terms of his own particular political situa-

tion. I recall a couple of years ago when many of us who served with him in the Congressional Black Caucus went into Chicago and helped campaign with him during a period in which he had a particularly difficult political campaign. We did this because we felt that RALPH METCALFE's presence in this body meant something, that it was something that all of us could be proud of, so we went into Chicago and walked the streets with him. We went from door to door with him because RALPH METCALFE was very, very personal to all of us.

Then, of course, I had the privilege in the caucus of serving with him in the Health Brain Trust, where he and I cochaired the Congressional Black Caucus Health Brain Trust. I recall just a couple of weeks ago when on the Congressional Black Caucus weekend some 8,000 people came from all over the country to spend that weekend in the workshops, at the caucus dinner, and other festivities around that weekend, that on that Friday when RALPH METCALFE and I were chairing the Health Brain Trust his concern was about the Health Brain Trust, but he was also concerned that day about the Humphrey-Hawkins bill.

He had been over to the White House that day at an emergency meeting that had been called by the President with the members of the caucus. When he came back he said, "Lou, there is going to be a press conference on our meeting with the President at 3:30. I think it is going to be important for me to be there."

He said, "We had a great meeting with the President, and it looks as though we now are going to be able to see this bill pass, and this bill means so much to all of our people that I think I just must be at this press conference."

I said, "RALPH, what I think I will do is go with you."

So, we did leave our Health Brain Trust and walked over to the press conference that was held that afternoon with the other members of the caucus. It is this kind of dedication and commitment that RALPH had that I think will make all of us always remember him in the sense that he was a dedicated, committed, fine gentleman. All of us, I think, are a little better for having had the opportunity to have known him and to have served in this body with him.

Mr. RHODES. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in the House in expressing our sorrow over the death of RALPH H. METCALFE. During his 8 years in the Congress, he was a tireless fighter for the causes he believed in, and accomplished much in the area of understanding through civil rights legislation. His career exemplified an

uncompromising pursuit of excellence, from his days as an Olympic star, to the diligence and determination he displayed in his work in the House.

Mr. METCALFE was a man of courage, determination, and was intensely proud of his native Chicago. We regret his untimely passing, and I extend my condolences to his family.

Mr. BRADEMAS. My Speaker, I want to join in paying my respects to the memory of our esteemed friend and distinguished colleague, the Honorable RALPH H. METCALFE of Illinois.

Like all of us, I was shocked at the news yesterday of the death of RALPH METCALFE.

We all know of RALPH's remarkable career as an athlete but those of us who served with him in the House of Representatives knew him as well as a gentle, thoughtful man who rarely raised his voice but who was vigorous in the defense of the people whom he represented in Congress.

Despite his gentle exterior, Mr. Speaker, RALPH METCALFE was a man of great courage and he fought some difficult battles to retain his seat in Congress. He was ever mindful of his fundamental commitment to the service of his fellow men and women and I count it my good fortune to have known him as colleague and friend.

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in expressing my sense of loss for the Congress, the Nation, and the family and friends of RALPH METCALFE on account of his sudden and untimely death.

I had a special opportunity to come to know RALPH because we shared committee assignments on both the Interstate and Foreign Commerce and Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committees. In this working association, I came to know RALPH as a responsible knowledgeable, and hard working legislator.

RALPH was a man of independence and integrity, qualities which enabled him to serve as an effective advocate for the needs and concerns of his constituents, but which also enabled him to play an important role on the Commerce and Merchant Marine Committees as a leader and a supporter of reasonable compromise in the national interest.

Perhaps most importantly, RALPH had great sensitivity for people and their needs, especially the poor and underprivileged, and this was reflected in his approach to every legislative decision.

Mr. Speaker, Becky and I offer our sincere and deep felt condolences to Madalynne and Ralph, Jr., and we offer tribute to the contribution he made to better the lives of the people of the First Congressional District of Illinois, and of this Nation.

Mr. MITCHELL of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, October 10, 1978, the House of Representatives, as well as this Nation, lost one of their most eloquent examples of one whose life had been symbolized by a strive for excellence.

The death of Congressman RALPH METCALFE leaves a significant void in the continuing struggle for the attainment of equal opportunities among our Nation's citizenry.

Congressman METCALFE had excelled in two areas which are supposed to promote the concept of "fair play" during the interaction of the participants. He strove for excellence in 1932 and 1936, during his participation in the Los Angeles and Berlin Olympics, respectively, and his performance was a reflection of his persistence and drive. Mr. METCALFE was no less diligent when he entered the political arena in 1952.

With respect to his political endeavors, it is no understatement to say that Congressman METCALFE's primary concern was for the well-being of people, and not for any political repercussions he may have suffered because of this concern. The year 1972 comes to mind when Congressman METCALFE jeopardized a compatible relationship with Mayor Daley by joining the forces of those who vehemently opposed police brutality in Chicago. The Congressman said at that time:

> I know the political realities of what I'm doing * * * I'm willing to pay whatever political consequences I have to, but frankly, I don't think there will be any.

More recently, Congressman METCALFE, who served as chairman of the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries' Subcommittee on the Panama Canal, was exceptionally instrumental in impressing upon House Members the importance of the expeditious passage of the Panama Canal Treaties. Surely, Congressman METCALFE's untiring efforts in the assurance of protection for the human rights of Panamanians during the implementation of the treaties' provisions, exemplified his unlimited and unrestricted attention to human rights. While the Congressman championed the rights of the House with regards to the disposal of U.S. property, he was nonetheless steadfast in his belief that the Panama Canal Treaties

should be an expression of this Nation's concern for the promotion of equal opportunities within the Canal Zone.

Congressman METCALFE's concern for human rights was only surpassed by his deep displeasure with the unemployment situation among black people in this country. During the Congressional Black Caucus meetings with President Carter, Congressman METCALFE never failed to reiterate the concern he felt when he assessed our Nation's unemployment dilemma, and its particular effects on blacks. In our private conversations, I could often detect actual pain as RALPH expressed his feelings on this issue.

RALPH METCALFE will be sorely missed in this House and particularly as a member of the Congressional Black Caucus. He will also be missed within the hearts of millions of Americans.

Descriptions like "diligent," and "hard working," cannot begin to penetrate the essence of Congressman METCALFE's attributes.

Congressman METCALFE was acknowledged, admired, and respected for his prior athletic and subsequent political endeavors. But, above all, he was loved.

Mr. WHITTEN. Mr. Speaker, you frequently find the most able, successful and finest people to be the most modest as to their accomplishments. Certainly our late colleague, RALPH METCALFE, fit that description—a world figure, a splendid teacher, and a fine Congressman. His whole life presents an example of the best.

His untimely passing comes as a great shock to me and to his many, many thousands of friends.

I attended the public gathering only a few days ago when many of his colleagues paid oral tribute to his character and accomplishments.

Only last Friday, I had a long visit with RALPH and it is hard to realize he is gone.

We have lost a friend, and the Congress and country a valued public servant.

I extend my sincerest sympathy to his family.

Mr. FORD of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join my colleagues in the House today in paying tribute to a most dedicated public servant, the late RALPH H. METCALFE. During the time we spent together in the House and on the Congressional Black Caucus, I grew to love and respect Congressman METCALFE. He was never afraid to enter a battle as long as he believed in the war. Like David

who slew Goliath, he attacked and conquered many giants during his political career. No challenge was too great that he did not rise to meet it. He was truly a great Congressman and a courageous black warrior.

My friend, Mr. METCALFE, began many years ago as a champion athlete, representing well the United States of America in foreign countries. This he did against the seemingly insurmountable odds of racism which prevailed. Mr. METCALFE later brought with his this prowess to the Congress, where he continued to champion many great causes for justice. He took an active role of overseeing the administration to insure that the numerous Federal programs be responsive to the needs of all Americans. He led to the uncovering of failures in health programs to provide preventive medical care to school children. He exposed the failure of housing programs to compensate for deficient appraisals to insure the highest quality housing available. He realized the problems with using behavior modification techniques in prisons, the inequity of subjecting incarcerated human beings to inhumane treatment and he spoke loudly against it. RALPH took great pride in his work here in the House of Representatives. He was totally dedicated and devoted to representing and serving his country. He welcomed the challenges which this job presented and met those challenges zealously. Energy, enthusiasm, and expertise always accompanied him as he carried out his vast responsibilities and duties. On the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, the Post Office and Civil Service Committee, and on the floor of the House of Representatives, he was a statesman, a scholar, and a gentleman.

Mr. METCALFE was totally committed to the cause of insuring civil and human rights to all Americans. He sponsored and authored several measures to prohibit discrimination. He was a member of many educational, cultural, and civic organizations charged with the promotion of equality.

Just as his wife and family and the constituents of the First District of Illinois, who were well on the way to electing him for another term in office, will miss him, I shall personally miss dearly the presence of my friend, my brother, RALPH H. METCALFE.

Mr. SANTINI. Mr. Speaker, we were all deeply saddened by the sudden passing of one of the most admired and respected members of our hearty band, RALPH METCALFE. As a colleague of RALPH's on the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, I was constantly

amazed and inspired by the manner in which he handled himself and his work.

His legislative skills were something to behold, and his dedication to his constituents was unswerving.

Although RALPH and I did not agree on various issues, I could not help but respect his loyalty to his convictions and his competitive instincts. He was either a formidable opponent or valuable ally depending on which side of the issue you were on.

Certainly, RALPH was a winner in the truest sense of the word—as a child in Chicago, as an Olympic champion and finally as a Congressman. His lifetime accomplishments are lasting proof of just how successful he was.

But, he was more than a successful and admired professional, he was also a straightforward gentleman and warm human being. I was proud to call him a friend.

I join his many friends and colleagues in extending heartfelt sympathies to his family.

The U.S. Congress and all America will miss him.

Mrs. BURKE of California. Mr. Speaker, a sudden death has taken from this House our honored colleague and my good friend, RALPH METCALFE.

Although RALPH will be missed by all those who knew him, my own sadness is particularly acute. RALPH METCALFE was a man possessed of great political and physical energy, and his career in both athletics and politics reflected a level of excellence that few of us can hope to equal.

RALPH METCALFE served with distinction during his 8 years in the House. As a founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus, he worked courageously to further the interests of this country's poor and minority groups. His determination in politics was symbolized by his 1976 reelection campaign, in which he fought the machine of then-mayor Richard Daley of Chicago, and won.

Only his most recent achievements, however, were in the political arena. RALPH METCALFE perhaps will be remembered best for his accomplishments in sports arenas throughout the world. In my own congressional district in Los Angeles, he is remembered for winning medals in the 1932 Olympic Games as a sprinter. He also took part in the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, winning a gold medal on the 400-meter relay team and a silver medal for finishing second to Jesse Owens in the 100-meter dash.

A member of the President's Commission on Olympic Sports, RALPH always supported the return of the Olympics to the United States. It was only fitting that in 1984, the games will be held in Los Angeles at the site of his 1932 triumphs. No American sprinter ever won more major titles, according to the Los Angeles Times. The late Maxwell Stiles, track and field expert for the Los Angeles Examiner, devised a rating system for sprinters and judged METCALFE the greatest of all time.

As an Olympic champion, and as a life-long champion of the rights of the under-privileged, RALPH METCALFE earned the respect of citizens throughout this country and the World. I can think of no finer legacy than his outstanding record of service and achievement.

I extend my heartfelt sympathy to his wife Madalynne, son Ralph, Jr., and their families, whose grief I share. My thoughts will be with them in the days ahead.

Mrs. CHISHOLM. Mr. Speaker, it is with a deep sense of sadness that I rise to pay tribute to our revered colleague, the Honorable RALPH METCALFE. This man brought a sense of pride to his constituents and to all of black America, because he stood up to the political establishment, and declared his independence from the political machinery which has so often dominated a government intended to be by the people, for the people, and of the people.

As long as I live, I will always remember 1976, and RALPH's campaign for reelection. There was a fervor in Chicago's black community to demonstrate the independence of this community from bossism, and its right to self-determination. Many of us in the Congressional Black Caucus went to Chicago to work for RALPH, and we were all touched by the sense of excitement and enthusiasm which characterized the overwhelming support which Congressman METCALFE received in his reelection. His victory was a sign to everyone that it was possible for a politician to stand by the people, and not lose office on account of high principles.

The loss of RALPH METCALFE from the ranks of Congress will be deeply felt, as he was a just and honest man. He came to the House of Representatives from a background as an Olympic track star, and long time public servant to the city and people of Chicago. As a legislator, RALPH distinguished himself particularly with issues and legislation affecting consumers, and his investigative work often brought problems and abuses to the light. I am sure he will be missed greatly by his colleagues on the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee for his expertise in this area. In addition, RALPH actively involved

himself in a number of important coalition groups, which served to advance the cause of progressive democratic principles. For the past 4 years RALPH has served as a member of the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee, and he was a leading force in the Democratic Study Group as well as the northeast midwest economic advancement coalition. These diverse involvements attest to RALPH's strong ability to work within coalitions to bring about a common goal. He may not have captured the headlines, but it was his ability to serve as an integral part of a team that enabled many legislative accomplishments on behalf of the poor and disadvantaged in his 8-year tenure in the Congress.

There can be no question but that the Congressional Black Caucus will feel this loss the deepest, and that his passing leaves a void that will be difficult to fill. It takes time and hard work for a member of the caucus to achieve his level of seniority. It is my hope that historians will note the political courage which this fine, black man demonstrated to his people, and give him the recognition he deserves. His strength of character can serve as a model for the young people of today, and as an example of political morality and conviction overcoming obstacles thought by most to be permanent and insurmountable.

Mr. DRINAN. Mr. Speaker, I came to Congress with RALPH H. METCALFE in January 1971. I shared virtually all of his priorities from the first day that we served together. I came to know him well and admired him more every time I was associated with him in any common endeavor.

I spoke frequently with RALPH METCALFE about the problems of poverty in his congressional district in South Chicago. I conversed on a regular basis with him about the role in urban renewal of the Catholic Church of which RALPH was a devout follower.

RALPH METCALFE had an unusual passion for justice and an uncommon righteous anger at the social injustice which he saw all around him.

I admired RALPH METCALFE for many things but particularly for the courageous way in which he followed his conscience when his convictions were in conflict with the viewpoints held by some persons and organizations in the Democratic political structure in greater Chicago. I know personally from extensive conversations with RALPH METCALFE how much he sacrificed in order to follow the dictates of his conscience in this matter.

RALPH METCALFE will be deeply missed in the Congress of the United States. His voice and his vote were always solidly in favor of more social justice for the minorities and the poor of our country.

I and all of RALPH's colleagues express our prayerful compassion for his wife, Madalynne, and his son, Ralph H. Jr.

Mr. PRICE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join my colleagues today in expressing my sorrow at the loss suffered by this House yesterday. The untimely death of Congressman RALPH METCALFE was a shock to all of us, but particularly so to the members of the Illinois delegation. We worked with RALPH in a very close and special way and I know I speak for my colleagues when I say that his leadership will be sorely missed.

As a young sportswriter back in Illinois, I remember following RALPH's career in track and his victories in the 1932 and 1936 Olympics. It gave me great pleasure to welcome RALPH to the delegation in 1970, when he was elected Representative from Illinois' First District. Since that time I have seen nothing to change my mind—as a statesman, as a sportsman, as a human being, RAPLH METCALFE was a winner.

To RALPH's wife and to his son I express my sincere condolences. Our loss is great, but theirs is much greater.

Mr. MURPHY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I was very shocked and saddened to learn of the death of RALPH METCALFE, an outstanding Congressman and good friend.

During his 8 years in the House, RALPH METCALFE faithfully represented his constituents in Illinois' First Congressional District, which covers much of Chicago's south side. Among RALPH's most significant legislative contributions were his sponsoring of the Amateur Sports bill, his writing of the antidiscrimination section of the Railroad Regulatory Reform Act, and his adding of two antiredlining amendments to the No-Fault Auto Accident Insurance bill.

In addition, RALPH was active in the oversight of Federal programs, uncovering the need to provide preventive medical care to schoolchildren and compensation to homeowners for deficient appraisals. Keenly aware of housing needs, RALPH helped secure a $22-million HUD grant for the Nation's largest housing project, Robert Taylor Homes, located in his congressional district.

As an athlete, RALPH's achievements were well recognized. In the 1932 Olympic games in Los Angeles, RALPH won the silver and bronze medals in the 100- and 200-meter sprints. A participant in

the 1936 Olympic games in Berlin, RALPH again distinguished himself by winning a gold medal as a member of the 400-meter relay team and a silver medal for finishing second in the 100 meters.

RALPH METCALFE was admired not only as a fine legislator and athlete, but as a true gentleman. His door was always open for advice and guidance in matters concerning the city of Chicago. His dedication to making our city a better place to live was an inspiration to all of us representing Chicago.

RALPH METCALFE kept up a fast pace until his death, putting in a great deal of time serving his constituents as a result of the long hours the House has been in session. The fact that he fulfilled his responsibilities faithfully is a mark of the fine public servant RALPH METCALFE truly was.

All of us in the House will miss the presence of this warm and gentle man. I want to express my sympathy to his wife, Madalynne Fay; his son, Ralph, Jr.; his mother, Mayme Attaway Metcalfe; his stepmother, Effie May Metcalfe; and to his grandchild.

Mr. RUSSO. Mr. Speaker, the death of Congressman RALPH METCALFE has left us all shocked and saddened. I have not yet been able to understand that he will not be here—working in committee with me, taking time to say "hello" on the elevators, stopping in the hall to chat with people, bringing his insights and concerns to our congressional work.

He never dominated in order to win, not demanded the limelight. Yet you felt his presence and his strength. In a quiet style that probably belied that strength on occasion, he got the job done—whether it was cooling down a tense situation or holding hearings on postal facilities for his district.

This man, who served with such dignity and commitment, knew more than many people could ever know the sound of applause, the awarding of medals, the attention of the world for accomplishments. He remained sincere, gentle, and above all, sensitive to others.

He was a genuine hero—not one who required the fanfare, but who in the decent and caring way in which he lived his life and did his job demonstrated the meaning of that word. He deserved to be admired and applauded.

Our State of Illinois has lost a great voice. The Nation has lost a hero. And those of us who were privileged to know him personally have lost a dear friend.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, it is indeed with a great amount of sorrow that I join with other Members of the House in paying tribute to the memory of one of the really finest gentleman I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. I refer to the late Congressman, RALPH METCALFE.

Certainly we all remember with pride the fact that he was one of the most outstanding track athletes ever produced from this Nation. And the manner in which he represented the United States in the Olympics during the height of his athletic career stands as a shining example for all to follow.

Later he had the high honor of being elected to the U.S. Congress, and this was my first opportunity to get to know him personally, after many years of distant admiration. There are few, if any, who had any greater degree of modesty and compassion for their fellow man than did my friend, RALPH METCALFE.

He will be missed; and to his family I offer my condolences but with the knowledge that they have many pleasant memories of his life and his contribution to his fellow man.

Mr. NATCHER. Mr. Speaker, may I take a moment to express my sorrow on the passing of a friend and colleague, The Honorable RALPH H. METCALFE.

Congressman METCALFE's courage and dedication brought him to the pinnacle of international competition. He was a U.S. Olympic Champion. He carried these attributes into his political career. No one can question his loyal and dedicated service to his people in the State of Illinois. He saw the needs of the people and nothing stopped him from fulfilling this need to the best of his ability.

His outstanding record in Congress speaks for itself. His energies were directed to intelligent and conscientious service. He was a hard working legislator in his committee work and on the floor of the House. He never waivered, never faltered in his devotion or his responsibility, the mark of a true champion.

Mr. Speaker, RALPH METCALFE will be sorely missed by the people of Illinois, by his fellow Members of Congress, and by me. His wife, family, and friends have my deepest sympathy.

Mr. FREY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join with my colleagues in expressing my sorrow over the passing of our beloved colleague, the late RALPH H. METCALFE of Illinois.

RALPH has had a distinguished career in the service of his country. He first gained national prominence as one of the outstanding sprint-

ers this Nation has ever known. His record of success including the Olympics, is known to all.

I have had the privilege of serving with him on the Commerce Committee for many years. During this time, it has been a privilege to know him and an honor to be a friend. He was a gentleman in the real sense of the word. He would argue his points and argue them forcefully, and was most persuasive. In instances where we might not agree, he always had the consideration to respect another point of view. I liked and respected RALPH METCALFE. The people of Illinois and this country will sorely miss his leadership. He did this Nation honor. More can not be said of any individual.

Mr. SLACK. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join with my colleagues in expressing my sympathy to the family of Congressman RALPH METCALFE upon his untimely passing. I was saddened to hear that the 95th Congress had lost yet another colleague in such an unexpected fashion.

Prior to his first election to the House of Representatives in November of 1970, RALPH METCALFE led quite an exemplary life in terms of his pursuits and successes. I suppose that to most Americans, RALPH is best known for his membership on the U.S. Olympic Teams of 1932 and 1936. His achievements in the area of athletics has served as an inspiration to many young athletes over the years.

RALPH METCALFE's successes were not limited to athletics as his background will attest. He was much interested and very successful in the areas of civic, community, and academic affairs. His activities in health and education programs, youth programs, and those programs directed toward the needy were widely praised throughout his community and the Nation.

My sympathies are extended to RALPH's family in the wake of his sudden passing; they may take comfort in the knowledge of the great respect RALPH earned from his colleagues in the Congress and the recognition that his public service will be remembered for many years.

Mr. VENTO. Mr. Speaker, the untimely death of our colleague, Congressman RALPH H. METCALFE, is a great loss to this 95th Congress. Congressman METCALFE had an outstanding record of public service and was internationally recognized for his leadership in the civil rights movement and his achievements as an Olympic medal winner. His life was a fine example for every young person who dreamed about being an athlete or having a career in politics. Mr.

METCALFE's great personal achievements, at a time when minority persons faced incredible social, economic, and political barriers, made it much easier for others to follow in his stead. In Chicago, he is regarded as one of the great leaders of the black community, respected for his commitment and his courage. The Ralph H. Metcalfe Youth Foundation he established stands as a memorial to his dedication to the young people and exemplifies the principles for which he fought so hard. It was an honor to serve with Congressman METCALFE and to work with him on so many important legislative matters.

Miss JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, RALPH METCALFE was a man whose words and actions evidenced a willingness to confront challenges. I never heard him say "I can't." Not to try seemed never to occur to RALPH. If he had any reservations about a worthwhile request made of him, his response was "I'll try." He tried often and succeeded often.

RALPH worked his way up through the congressional ranks, achieving a subcommittee chairmanship and membership on the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee. But positions of power and influence never prompted him to forget the powerless and the less influential.

RALPH did not frequently speak on the floor of the House but when he did, we paid attention. We knew that if the issue merited his speaking, his words merited our attention. We would put aside our personal agendas to listen to RALPH METCALFE.

As an esteemed member of the Congressional Black Caucus, RALPH's calm manner often soothed troubled waters. He was soft-spoken, at times easygoing, and always tough. RALPH's life exemplified hard work, dedication to principle, and achievement. The respect of his congressional colleagues transcends party, race, age, sex, and geography. The House of Representatives and the people of the First Congressional District of Illinois have lost a good Member and a good man.

Mr. OTTINGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to our colleague, RALPH METCALFE, who unfortunately passed away on Tuesday morning.

RALPH METCALFE was a Member of this body who walked among us in quiet ways, earning our affection and respect. In the 8 years he served in the House he demonstrated a commitment to the institution, to his colleagues and to the good of the people. He contributed greatly, of his time and of his quiet but effective personal strengths.

It has been an enormous privilege to serve with RALPH METCALFE in the House and on the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee. And his loss is similarly great.

RALPH METCALFE's convictions, his translation of those convictions into action, should be remembered and should serve as examples to others. His service to the public far exceeded just his presence in the Congress; he was on countless boards and committees dedicated to serving the public interest. His lifelong interest in sports, through which he himself established the Ralph H. Metcalfe Youth Foundation for sporting activities and community help, and through which he has served the U.S. Olympic Committee and the President's Commission on Olympic Sports, was another stellar example of his commitment to the public.

RALPH METCALFE the runner no longer runs with us, but he made deep and lasting impressions for his depth and vision, and those impressions will remain.

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply saddened by the unexpected passing of my good friend and colleague, Congressman RALPH METCALFE.

To those of us who knew him well, his kind heart, warm spirit, and strength will be a source of inspiration as we try to carry on the struggle for justice and equality without him.

Congressman METCALFE was a man of honor with deep conviction and keen vision. He was a man whose faith lived in his everyday life. I am sure that I express the sentiment of thousands when I say that the void he leaves will not be filled for many years to come. Indeed, he brings to mind the definition of a true gentleman.

Congressman METCALFE has left us with a legacy of good faith and of hope. He proudly wore the banner of concern for his fellow man. The troubles of his brothers and sisters were never too burdensome to carry. His untiring efforts on behalf of his constituency will long be remembered.

The only thing that will ever overshadow his numerous accomplishments will be the courteous and distinguished manner that characterized a brilliant career of public service.

As a member of the Congressional Black Caucus, Congressman METCALFE's devotion to the activities of the Black Caucus greatly contributed to the success of this vital organization. His wisdom and guidance will be sorely missed by all the members of the Black Cau-

cus. RALPH METCALFE was a great man, an outstanding public servant, and a dear friend.

Mr. ERLENBORN. Mr. Speaker, the untimely death of my friend and colleague from Illinois, RALPH METCALFE, has left all of us with a sense of loss and sorrow.

RALPH METCALFE was a champion in everything he did. While in college he was the national collegiate champion in the 100- and 200-yard dash. He captained the Marquette track team in 1934.

When he decided to enter politics he began as an appointed official, then was elected third ward committeeman, third ward alderman, and president pro tempore of the Chicago City Council.

In 1971, RALPH joined us here in the House of Representatives where he served with the same commitment to excellence he showed throughout his career.

Mr. Speaker, the people of the city of Chicago and the entire Nation have lost a great leader and a good man.

Mr. NIX. Mr. Speaker, in the passing of Congressman RALPH H. METCALFE, I have lost one of my closest friends and most valued colleagues.

He was a Congressman's Congressman. His word is written in legislation, in oversight hearings, and a standard of devotion to duty. It is a record of work done and it is an etch in the granite of this Nation's laws.

RALPH METCALFE's life was one of ceaseless performance.

The Olympic gold medals of his youth were matched by the civic works of his maturity. His concern for those he served was like an engine that knew no rest.

During the Congress when the President of the United States sought help in obtaining a Panama Canal Treaty, he found that he could turn to RALPH METCALFE as chairman of the Panama Canal Zone Subcommittee of the House.

When the poorest citizens in Chicago needed help, they knew that RALPH METCALFE would help if he could and he did ceaselessly.

No issue which had touched RALPH METCALFE's life was forgotten by him. Within hours the House will take up the amateur sport bill which will provide for the expansion of athletic opportunities for all, including, women, novice athletes, and minorities. This was his legislation. It is a good legislation and will be a good law in an era where professional commercial spectacles dominate the American scene.

RALPH METCALFE brought to the House a knowledge of urban affairs gained by 15 years of service on the Chicago City Council where he was the chairman of the housing committee. He introduced legislation that provides for biennial audits of Federal housing programs and low interest home improvement loans. He uncovered failures in Federal programs to compensate homeowners for deficient appraisals.

His battle for health care never ceased. He uncovered failures in health programs to provide preventive medical care for school children. He defeated by his own efforts the Waxman provision in a health manpower bill which would have prohibited special programs for minorities in medical schools.

He attacked crime at its source by seeking a Federal correctional ombudsman and for the control of handguns.

He fought for minorities by attacking redlining wherever he found the practice. Through his efforts, two antiredlining amendments were added to the no fault auto insurance bill.

He also saw to it that a comprehensive nondiscrimination section was added to the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act.

He had to fight alone in his own community on occasions. When he had to, he did so and he won. When he had to fight alone in the House, he did so. But never did he ignore the fact, that good decisions are the goal and that compromise is the means.

St. Paul tells us, that life is a long distance race. RALPH METCALFE was one of America's greatest long distance runners. The heritage he leaves us is based on the bedrock of a race well run. His record is a standard of excellence for the House, his staff is one of the finest in the House, his constituents among the best served, and his family will carry on his work in Chicago and perhaps in the Nation.

We will miss him, but we know that his work will go on amongst us for years to come. My condolences are hereby forwarded to Mrs. Metcalfe, his son, Ralph, Jr., and to the people of Chicago.

Mr. MICHEL. Mr. Speaker, the death of our Illinois colleague, RALPH METCALFE, came as a shock and a blow to all of us who have known and worked with him. It was only little more than a week ago that he stood here and eloquently defended the Olympic sports bill of which he was a chief sponsor. On that day, as he spoke, I thought of how wonderfully varied the membership of this House is to have legislators from so many different backgrounds. Here, defend-

ing a bill that would help athletes, was someone who was not only an esteemed legislator but a former national collegiate champion in the 100- and 200-yard dash, the captain of his college track team and a medal winner of the 1932 and 1936 U.S. Olympic Teams. He spoke with his customary clarity and persuasiveness about a subject he not only knew intimately but about which he felt deeply.

His remarkable career is one that could well serve as a model for dedicated public service. Star athlete, educator, State athletic commissioner, political leader in Chicago, and distinguished Congressman; RALPH METCALFE brought dignity and ability to every challenge that confronted him.

If there is one characteristic which can be said to have marked the life and the career of RALPH METCALFE, it was courage. He had the courage and the ability to pursue his dream of athletic excellence.

And, during his political career, he had the courage to be himself and to listen to the voice of his own conscience.

Mr. Speaker, RALPH METCALFE was quite a man. He will be missed around here, not only for the kind of man he was but for the kind of spirit he represented.

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, I have been saddened by the death of a fine gentleman and colleague, the late RALPH H. METCALFE of Illinois.

RALPH was respected by all his fellow Members for the kindness, intelligence, and compassion which he brought with him to Congress. He will be remembered by his colleagues as one of the most courtly and gentlemanly figures in the House. He believed that it was his duty to appeal to the highest instincts in his fellow men.

Our colleague had a deep sense of concern for his constituents. He spent most of his weekends in Chicago, and knew his district street by street and block by block.

As chairman of the Panama Canal Subcommittee of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, he played a vital role in recent events. RALPH was especially known for his ability to work harmoniously with both the Panamanians and the U.S. citizens who were residents of the canal. As a member of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee he was especially interested in consumer affairs, where his concern for justice and the rights of individuals came into play.

Compassion and a concern for justice were qualities that characterized RALPH in every aspect of his distinguished career, from ath-

letics, to civil rights, to politics. With the death of RALPH METCALFE, the House has suffered a significant loss.

Mr. ANNUNZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to a dear and old friend, Hon. RALPH H. METCALFE, who served almost 8 years in the House of Representatives as a distinguished Congressman from the First District of Illinois.

I met RALPH some 30 years ago while I was serving as a member of Chicago's Human Relations Commission. RALPH served as a field representative for the human relations commission, and in that capacity, he devoted all of his energies to the establishment of understanding between people.

RALPH was cut down in the prime of his career, and had a long and varied career of service in our city, the city of Chicago, before coming to the House at the beginning of the 92d Congress. It will be remembered that he was one of those Americans who inspired the world as a member of the U.S. Olympic Team at the Olympic Games of 1936 in Berlin, Germany, when the spector of Hitler's racist totalitarianism was taking shape to later threaten the entire world.

Mr. Speaker, with his wise experience in human affairs, RALPH METCALFE combined a deep and sympathetic understanding of human beings and of humanity itself. He had the ability to look perceptively beyond the facts and paperwork, and he had the ability to understand the hopes and fears of human beings. RALPH never forgot the power of example, and after his career of direct involvement in athletics was over, he continued to stay active in the field through service as the first black Illinois State athletic commissioner, a member of the Board of Directors of the U.S. Olympic Committee, as well as in other organizations too numerous to mention.

Most important of all, however, he founded the Ralph H. Metcalfe Youth Foundation, which was devoted to athletic, health, and educational programs for young people and provided support for needy families in the community. RALPH remained dedicated to setting the highest goals and ideals for the benefit of the youth who admired and looked up to him, and he gave his best in service to his Illinois constituents and to the people of our Nation.

RALPH METCALFE, with his experience and depth of human understanding will be missed in the House, because it is men of this caliber who are needed in a democracy. We shall miss the ideals of RALPH METCALFE, his faith in humanity, his compassionate inter-

est in the well-being of our youth, and his ability to understand the elements which give life and spirit to our system of government. His outstanding dedication to high standards was an inspiration to his friends and fellow citizens and his record of excellence and creative accomplishment was most commendable.

I want to extend on behalf of Mrs. Annunzio and myself our deepest sympathy to his devoted wife, Fay, and their son, Ralph, Jr., in this time of great tragedy in their lives.

Mr. RAILSBACK. Mr. Speaker, I was saddened to learn of the sudden death of our colleague, and my friend RALPH METCALFE. Illinois has lost an outstanding Representative, and I know I speak for all when I say he will be deeply missed.

RALPH METCALFE was first elected to Congress in 1970 and has served the First Congressional District of Illinois, which spans much of Chicago's South Side, ever since then. He was a member of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce, Merchant Marine and Fisheries, and Post Office and Civil Service Committees. He also served on the Northeast-Midwest Economic Advancement Coalition, Members of Congress for Peace Through Law, the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee, and was the vice chairman of the Democratic Study Group.

In addition, RALPH METCALFE had been a former Olympic athlete. In 1932 he distinguished himself at the Olympic Games in Los Angeles by winning silver and bronze medals in the 100- and 200-meter sprints. In 1936 he won a gold medal on the 400-meter relay team and a silver medal (finishing second to Jesse Owens) in the 100 meters at the Olympics in Berlin.

In 1949 RALPH METCALFE was the first black to be named to the Illinois Athletic Commission. And, since 1975, he had been a member of the President's Commission on Olympic Sports.

Further, he was the founder of the Ralph H. Metcalfe Youth Foundation, which provided athletic, educational, and health programs for young people. The foundation also gave support to needy families, acts of compassion which so typified RALPH METCALFE.

Yes; we have lost a good man, and to his wife, son, and family, I express my sincerest sympathies.

Mr. FARY. Mr. Speaker, I am shocked and deeply grieved, as are so many of my colleagues, to learn of the untimely death of our beloved and distinguished colleague, Congressman RALPH H. METCALFE.

I had known RALPH as a friend and as a coworker in the Democratic Party of Cook County for many years. He began his political career being elected alderman from the third ward of Chicago in 1958, becoming president pro tempore of the Chicago City Council in 1969, in which capacity he served until he was elected to the 92d Congress on November 3, 1970.

He had the distinct privilege of being chosen Democratic committeeman (third ward) in 1952 serving with distinction in this capacity at his passing.

While attending Marquette University he represented the United States in the 1932 and 1936 Olympics, being the winner of three medals, gold, silver, and bronze. Upon the completion of his athletic career RALPH became an instructor and athletic coach at Xavier University, New Orleans, La.

He had been a member of the President's Commission on Olympic Sports from 1975 and worked diligently in steering through the present U.S. Congress legislation to provide funds to sponsor American athletes to compete in the forthcoming Olympic Games.

He loved the youth of America, and as founder of the Ralph H. Metcalfe Youth Foundation in Chicago devoted his energies to athletic, health, and education programs for youths and to support needy families in the community.

Chicago was his home, and Chicago was his love. May we invoke in years to come, when tried by temper, the never failing good spirit of RALPH METCALFE, whom I never heard say an unkind word about any person, and in remembering him, there are only kind things to say.

To his beloved wife, Madalynne, and his son, Ralph, Jr., I extend my deepest sympathy at this time of personal grief. They can be comforted in knowing that RALPH was an outstanding Congressman, one who always "went the extra mile," and fully carried out the many burdensome duties of his office, fulfilling the trust so appropriately placed on him.

To be sure, those of us who knew RALPH and served with him are enriched by the wonderful memories we have of him, and our friendship with him.

Mr. KASTENMEIER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sorrow that I rise to pay tribute to our colleague, RALPH METCALFE. His untimely passing leaves a void for many of us who knew him not only as a colleague, but as a friend.

RALPH was a man of ultimate integrity and courage who, throughout his entire life, strived for and achieved success in whatever he pursued and gained the love and admiration of those whose lives he touched.

Those of us from Wisconsin knew him early in his athletic career as a champion sprinter from Marquette University. We felt a special personal pride when he excelled at the 1932 and 1936 Olympic Games.

Not content to simply bask in the glory of his athletic successes, RALPH worked to instill in young people the pursuit of excellence through athletic and educational programs sponsored by the Ralph H. Metcalfe Youth Foundation.

He was intensely devoted to his constituents and showed us all that the rights of individuals must be placed above party loyalty. Such stands earned him the respect of friends and foes alike.

We will miss this man of courage, integrity and honesty. I extend my deepest sympathies to his family.

Mr. ZEFERETTI. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to pause for a moment to express my deep sorrow at the passing of one of our most respected colleagues, Mr. RALPH H. METCALFE. For 8 dedicated years, Mr. METCALFE dutifully and honorably served in the U.S. House of Representatives, and it is proper that we praise his integrity and his personal achievements.

Mr. METCALFE's life serves as a beautiful example of the progress that black people have rightfully made in our great country. Born in Atlanta, Mr. METCALFE graduated from Marquette University where he was president of his graduating class and an athletic champion. An outstanding performer, he represented the United States in the 1932 and 1936 Olympic Games when participation by blacks in athletic competition was often objected to and ridiculed. As a humanitarian, our friend continued the struggle for civil rights when he directed the Department of Civil Rights for Commission on Human Relations, and when he served as the first black commissioner for the Illinois State Athletic Association.

More recently, he had taken deserved pride as a Representative of all people in our Nation's Congress. He had a keen insight into matters of debate and so often manifested his ability to assess the pros and cons of many critical issues. Personally, I will never forget the meaningful moments of friendship and partnership that we shared on our trip to the Panama Canal in April of 1977. His presence and

his expertise were an inspiration to all. Mr. METCALFE's intelligence, diligence, fine demeanor, and willingness to serve, are laudable qualities for which we all must strive.

Mr. Speaker, I join with my distinguished colleagues in Congress, and the people of our Nation, to mourn the death of RALPH H. METCALFE, and I wish to extend my heartfelt regrets and sympathies to the Metcalfe family.

Mr. DE LA GARZA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in shock and grief to express my great sense of loss at the untimely death of my dear friend and colleague, Hon. RALPH H. METCALFE.

RALPH was a distinctive Member of this body, an exceptional Congressman as he was an exceptional athlete and scholar. RALPH was one of those precious few who excelled in whatever enterprise he undertook, and who managed to do so with extraordinary modesty and grace.

It was an honor for me to serve with RALPH on the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries—for I had the chance to see firsthand the dedication, the sound judgment, and the integrity he brought to bear on all matters before him.

And just the other day, RALPH and I rode the subway from the Capitol to the Rayburn Building together. He seemed in the peak of good health—vibrant and alive. As I recall, we talked about the recent Yankee-Red Sox playoff game—not surprising in the light of RALPH's ongoing love of sports.

Mr. Speaker, I know the entire Congress joins me in expressing the deepest sympathy to Mrs. Metcalfe and the Metcalfe family in the wake of this terrible loss.

Mr. CORCORAN of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, it was certainly a shock to me to learn of the unexpected death on Tuesday of our colleague RALPH METCALFE.

RALPH served his constituency in the South Side of Chicago ably during his nearly 8 years of service in the U.S. Congress. As a member of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, and the Post Office and Civil Service Committee, he was a competent member and important leader. As one of the founders of the Congressional Black Caucus, he was a real asset to the black community he served and the entire black population of this country.

But probably one of the events of his life which will be most remembered occurred in 1932 when he participated in the Olympic

games in Los Angeles. During those Olympics he won silver and bronze medals in the 100- and 200-meter sprints. He also was in the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, winning a gold medal on the 400-meter relay team and a silver medal for finishing second to Jesse Owens in the 100-meter race. RALPH METCALFE was a member of the President's Commission on Olympic Sports.

Mr. Speaker, RALPH METCALFE was an honest and independent man. He never was afraid to differ with his colleagues and peers if he thought they were pursuing the wrong course of action. We certainly will sorely miss him in Congress. I send my most sincere sympathies to his family at this sorrowful time.

Mr. BIAGGI. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I lost a good friend with a suddenness I still cannot believe. I refer to RALPH METCALFE.

RALPH was a man of principle and conviction who was an inspiration to all throughout his life. His life was replete with accomplishments beginning in his college days at Marquette, where he was a national collegiate champion sprinter. RALPH participated in the 1932 Olympic games in Los Angeles where he won silver and bronze medals. Yet he will best be remembered for his performances in the 1936 Olympics when he and Jesse Owens gave the United States two of its most formidable runners ever in Olympic competition. Perhaps one of the greatest moments in sports history occurred when RALPH METCALFE and Jesse Owens raced in the 100-yard dash. Jesse Owens won but RALPH METCALFE, establishing what was to be a pattern throughout his life, gave it everything he had. He did win a gold medal in those same Olympics.

RALPH METCALFE was an inspiration for young blacks during his Olympic track days. He was an inspiration for the athlete he was, but also for the man he was. He acquired and handled world fame with ease never being overcome by it in any fashion.

RALPH in going to his final reward will be leading the way as he sprints across that great celestial track.

For the past 8 years, it has been my distinct honor and privilege not just to have worked with RALPH METCALFE but also to call him a friend. We worked closely together on the Panama Canal Subcommittee of the House where he served as chairman.

RALPH was a quiet unassuming soul, yet he earned the respect of Presidents and Members of Congress. He was a man who never flinched in the face of adversity and always pursued causes he felt to be right. One need only look back to a celebrated battle RALPH waged with the Daley machine in his hometown of Chicago. It was

a battle which meeker men may not have involved themselves in. RALPH was not a meek man—he was a man committed to justice and was a consistent fighter against inequality. He was responsible for the founding of the Congressional Black Caucus which has become one of the most influential forces on the domestic scene. RALPH's last great battle was on behalf of the Humphrey-Hawkins bill where he led a delegation of Black Caucus members to the White House to plead their case. As a result the Senate today is considering this legislation and in mind, no finer tribute could be paid to RALPH than for Congress to pass and the President sign this legislation.

Throughout his life, RALPH METCALFE maintained a particular interest in the betterment of all youth. He founded the Ralph Metcalfe Youth Foundation dedicated to athletic health and educational programs for young people.

The House is grieving today. We have lost one of our finest colleagues. We have lost a man who gave his full energies to his work, and to the cause of social equity for all. Many of us have lost a dear friend, a man who seemed so familiar to all of us. Hardly a day went by when I would not see or talk to RALPH. We strolled down the corridors of the Rayburn Building together talking about issues or people. He was a man of realistic optimism. He enjoyed his work, he especially enjoyed serving his constituents.

We are here today to honor RALPH METCALFE—but the shock that he is gone still hovers over this body like a dark cloud. We can take some solace in the fact that he lived a full life—accomplished much and never yielded in his causes and beliefs. I extend my sincerest condolences to his wife Madalynne Fay Young Metcalfe, his son Ralph as well as his mother Mayme Attaway Metcalfe. The House shares your loss. RALPH METCALFE will be missed. I will dearly miss him for he was a good man, a good friend.

Mr. ANDERSON of California. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, the Nation lost one of its truly outstanding leaders. We who have had the pleasure to work with RALPH METCALFE have lost a remarkable colleague, and a good friend. The people of the First Congressional District of Illinois have lost a man of integrity and leadership who will not easily be replaced.

I first met RALPH at the finish line of the 100-meter sprint in the 1932 Olympics in Los Angeles where he had just come in second, thus winning an Olympic silver medal. I was at the finish line because I had the privilege of working for Fox News at the Olympic games.

In those days we did not have televisions, we only had newsreels. At the time, my "business" was fast motorcycles and motorcycle racing, and it was my job with Fox to get the news films from the finish line to the film laboratory in the shortest time possible after each event. After the films were developed they were sent to movie houses throughout the country for people to see the latest news events.

I have also had the privilege to serve with RALPH on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee for the past 8 years. During that time he worked hard to insure the future of the American merchant marine, and as chairman of the Subcommittee on the Panama Canal, RALPH worked diligently to maintain the safe operation and maintenance of the Panama Canal.

RALPH has always strived to be the best and do the most thorough job in everything, starting as a medalist in those 1932 and 1936 Olympics, as a member of the Chicago City Council from 1955–70, and as a Member of the House since 1970.

Little did I dream, when I first congratulated RALPH back in 1932, that we would one day be serving together in the U.S. House of Representatives. RALPH and I often reminisced about our first meeting on that memorable day in 1932.

In this time of sorrow for the entire Nation, my wife Lee and I would like to extend our sympathy to those who will miss Congressman METCALFE most; his wife Madalynne and son Ralph, Jr. They should know that the thoughts of all of us in this Chamber are with them in their hours of grief. For indeed, speaking for the Nation and as individuals, we share in that grief, and will miss RALPH METCALFE greatly.

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, the response of my colleagues to the special order called to honor the memory of the late Honorable RALPH H. METCALFE has been overwhelming. The respect that RALPH engendered among the Members is equalled only by the intensity with which he himself lived and worked to earn such admiration.

I take this occasion to submit for the record the following remarks made by President Jimmy Carter upon learning of RALPH's death on October 10:

With deep regret I learned today of the death of Representative RALPH H. METCALFE. His life was genuinely inspiring. As a famed Olympic sprinter, second only to Jesse Owens in 1936, as a strong, independent voice for the people of Chicago and most recently—as a visionary leader in the Panama Canal Treaty ratification, he was uncompromising in the pursuit of excellence.

He stood always for equity. His political energy was invested always on behalf of his constituents, and his unexpected passing deprives his community, his colleagues and the Nation of a staunch and honest leader.

Mr. ROYBAL. Mr. Speaker, as the House pauses today to honor the memory of a most distinguished colleague, I would like to express the deep loss shared by all those who had the privilege to know RALPH METCALFE. He was a legislator of stature and dedication who faithfully served his constituents of Chicago's South Side since his election to Congress in 1970.

A champion of many worthy causes and a full-fledged fighter for everything he believed in, he represented not only his own constituents, but national principles of the finest kind. And as any sports fan knows, his "champion" status extends well beyond the political arena. RALPH will long be remembered for his Olympic victories in the mid-1930's. I had the personal privilege to be present at the 1932 Olympics in Los Angeles when RALPH competed against the best runners in the world and brought credit to our Nation when he won silver and bronze medals.

RALPH came up the political ranks following his election to the Cook County Democratic Committee in 1952. He was a man who balked against Mayor Daley's machine without suffering political defeat, and a man who clearly placed his principles above all else. The black community has lost a true friend with the passing of Congressman METCALFE, as have all of us who had the good fortune to know, work with, and become his friend.

It is with deep sorrow that we now mark the passing of this great American who repeatedly sought to raise the quality of life for those who needed help the most. My sincerest sympathy is extended to his widow Madalynne and to his entire family.

Mr. FORD of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I join with our colleagues today in mourning the untimely death of our good friend and respected fellow legislator RALPH METCALFE.

Congressman METCALFE's career, beginning in the Chicago school system as a young boy and continuing through his 8 years in the House, is a fine example of hard work, self-improvement, perseverance and dedication to many diverse interests.

I am proud to note that he graduated as president of his class in 1936 from Marquette University, in my home State of Michigan.

His achievements as an athlete, climaxed by his participation in the 1932 and 1936 Olympics, are known to us all. Less known, per-

haps, was his lifelong dedication to civil rights, to the problems of the underprivileged, and to a host of other righteous causes.

I am proud to have worked with RALPH here in the Congress, and as a fellow member of the Post Office and Civil Service Committee, the Democratic Study Group, the Members of Congress for Peace Through Law, and the Northeast-Midwest Economic Advancement Coalition.

We will miss his courage and wisdom, his good humor and gentle courtesy. To his family I offer my condolences on the loss of a truly great human being. I know they take comfort in the knowledge that he lived a full life, and left the world better for having been a part of it.

Mr. UDALL. Mr. Speaker, RALPH METCALFE was a great American in every sense of that term. His career as a legislator, an outstanding scholar, and an athlete was an inspiration to millions of Americans.

I was privileged to know him as a quiet, dignified, effective legislator. He stood firm for things that were right.

We shall all miss him here in the Congress.

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join with my colleagues in expressing my deep sorrow for the death of our colleague, RALPH METCALFE. We will all remember RALPH, but in different ways and for different things. For example, I am a great sports fan, and will certainly remember him like so many others for his historic triumphs during the 1932 and 1936 Olympics. Others will remember him for his considerable contributions to local, regional, and national civic organizations. Still others will remember him for his political activities in the Chicago area. As our colleague, we will all remember him for his many contributions to this body.

As chairman of the Transportation and Commerce Subcommittee, I would like to pay particular tribute to him for the many contributions he made to the subcommittee. RALPH joined the subcommittee when he first came to Congress during the 92d Congress, and was ranking Democrat during this Congress.

During my 4 years as chairman of the subcommittee, RALPH made a number of substantial contributions. He was most supportive in all of the efforts of the subcommittee. I think that I will particularly remember him for his modesty while making these contributions. At no time did he desire or would he accept personal recognition for

any of the assistance he rendered regarding the subcommittee's accomplishments, including major legislation considered by the subcommittee. I recall a number of instances when we were considering very controversial issues. RALPH would come up to me and offer words of encouragement, but more importantly, would always ask what could he do to help.

As I said, each of us will remember him for different things. The fact that he can be remembered for such a variety of outstanding achievements is testimony to his greatness. But lest it be overlooked at this time of his death, I believe RALPH would like most to be remembered as a Christian gentleman. I mentioned that he had the fine virtue of modesty, but it should not be overlooked that his greatest virtue was that he was an exceedingly generous man. He was generous with his time, with his material goods, and mostly with himself.

I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to his dear wife, Madalynne, and his son, Ralph, Jr., at this time of grief.

Mr. JOHNSON of California. Mr. Speaker, it was with shock and sadness that I greeted the news that our friend and colleague RALPH METCALFE, had died. My wife and I extend our deepest sympathies to his family.

RALPH METCALFE was a tireless legislator who was close to the people he represented. In his 8 years in the Congress, he established an outstanding record and earned the confidence and respect of his associates. He was a leader of the Black Caucus and helped to formulate its significant role in congressional affairs.

RALPH's acquaintance with fame came before he arrived in the House of Representatives. As any Olympic athlete in the 1932 and 1936 games, RALPH knew success and fame as a runner. He translated these abilities into numerous good deeds by coaching and advising several young people in the field of track. He also established the Metcalfe Youth Foundation devoted to athletic, health, and educational programs for young people.

Throughout his life, RALPH has loved people. He dedicated his life to helping people and served in many units of local government in Chicago before climaxing his career through his service in the House of Representatives. He established a record of excellence and diligence at each step on his ladder of success and has shown to us here in the House what it is to be a winner.

We will certainly miss him in this Chamber and we want his friends and family to know that he gave his duties as a Congressman his full effort, and they can be proud of the many outstanding accomplishments of RALPH H. METCALFE.

Mr. MIKVA. Mr. Speaker, the country lost one of its most vigorous spokesmen for the rights of all the disenfranchised—the poor, the minorities, the unpowerful. With the passing of Congressman RALPH METCALFE, the country has lost a great voice. For more than 40 years, he has been in the forefront of the struggle to make the American dream a reality for all Americans.

RALPH's reputation as a black leader sometimes overshadowed his other accomplishments. He was also one of the most forceful proponents in the House of Representatives on urban issues and consumer issues. The main current to RALPH METCALFE's political philosophy was always to help those who could not carry their own cause.

It was my privilege to know RALPH as a personal friend for many years, from the time we shared constituencies on the South Side of Chicago to our more recent terms together as officers of the Democratic Study Group.

During our years of friendship I saw firsthand that he was gifted with more than his share of that rare combination of moral and political courage. Time and again, his voice was the first raised on behalf of those whose voices were seldom heard.

RALPH METCALFE's influence was great because he spoke out whether or not it was politic to do so. Countless people on the South Side of Chicago were the beneficiaries of his quiet help to deal with small and individual problems. Millions more throughout the Nation were helped by his determination to work for national solutions to the problems of poor housing, unemployment and urban decay.

RALPH METCALFE was a black leader, an urban leader, a Democratic leader, and a people leader. He will be missed as much in Congress as he will be in the district he served so well. And, as a friend and colleague he will be missed as a kind and kindred soul. His likes are always in short supply.

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, RALPH METCALFE was a good and honorable man who served the citizens of Chicago and the Nation with distinction, 18 years as a Chicago committeeman and alderman and 8 years as Member of Congress from Illinois' First District. He leaves behind him a legacy of supreme courage, both physical and political, which millions of citizens will never forget.

RALPH had two careers which reinforced and strengthened one another. In the first part of his adult life he won fame as a great athlete, a national intercollegiate champion in sprinting during the early 1930's, a silver and bronze medal winner at the 1932 World Olympics in Los Angeles, and at the Berlin Olympics in 1936, a gold medal winner in the 400-meter relay and silver medal winner in the 100-meter, finishing second to the legendary Jesse Owens. Following upon his military service in World War II he devoted himself to the advancement of black Americans and to the education and physical development of youth. To this end he created the Ralph H. Metcalfe Youth Foundation, which has supported over the years numerous athletic, educational, and cultural programs. He was a source of inspiration to millions of young people.

RALPH devoted his second career to public service, starting as director of Chicago's Department of Civil Rights, and later as a leading figure on the city council. In 1969 he became the council's president pro tempore, and a year later won the Cook County Democratic Party's nomination for, and election to, Congress.

Inescapably, in every public figure's life the question arises: What did he or she stand for? What did he or she leave behind? It would have been entirely appropriate and adequate if RALPH METCALFE's legacy revolved solely around his athletic accomplishments and community service. To an extent, of course, it does. But to the millions whom he represented, he will be remembered and revered for something more than even his physical courage. He will be remembered most for his political courage, following in a great tradition of struggle in behalf of equality and justice set a half-century earlier in Chicago by Debs and Darrow.

During the early 1970's the city of Chicago was overrun by police brutality. No one in the highest reaches of the political establishment addressed the issue. There was uniform and unanimous silence at city hall. At first, RALPH METCALFE sought to bring the issue before the leadership. As a reasonable man, his first course of action was an attempt to solve the police problem from within. He could not, however, elicit a response. As more and more citizens became victimized by police behavior, RALPH concluded he could no longer work effectively within the leadership and the party. His integrity demanded that he speak out as forcefully as he could on the issue that most affected the citizens whom he represented. The political establishment, that once favored him, turned against him in full fury.

For a long time RALPH METCALFE stood alone against the most powerful political machine in the Nation. Every attempt was made to silence him, but he persevered in his conviction and his courage. He won reelection in the subsequent years, but he had paid a considerable price. His health suffered. Lifelong friendships were disrupted. He was made the object of constant attack. Nevertheless, he went on to serve in Congress with great dedication and effectiveness. He was a leader in the fields of consumer protection and health care. Against great odds, RALPH had summoned up the same courage that earlier won him the admiration of the world for his athletic achievements. In the end, RALPH stood his ground, a moderate and reasonable man up against an immoderate and unreasonable political system. His stand in Chicago was his finest hour, for which he will always be remembered.

Mr. SKUBITZ. Mr. Speaker, the passing of a colleague is always a matter for sorrow. The passing of a man who through personal effort, endurance, and sacrifice against all odds raised himself to become not only the "fastest man on Earth" but also a key political figure in the turbulent politics of Chicago's South Side is a great loss to the Nation as a whole.

To those of us who have had the privilege of serving on the same committee as RALPH METCALFE, his disappearance will be all the more painful. His spirit of achievement, personal energy, and perseverence insured notable contributions to the work of the Subcommittee on Transportation and Commerce. His unwavering support and grasp of the needs of minority business enterprises enabled the Subcommittee on Transportation and Commerce to enact legislation which for the first time gave minority enterprises access to major railroad revitalization projects.

RALPH's courage, and quiet dignity will long remain examples to the Members of this body. I join my colleagues in paying tribute to a true gentleman.

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. Speaker, it has been a distinct privilege to have served in this House with my good friend RALPH METCALFE. For 8 years his wisdom was a great asset to this body. He spoke with force and compassion on behalf of his constituents.

Much has been made of his athletic achievements but as great as they were, they have been overshadowed by his outstanding work here in the Congress and his life of service to the people he represented. However, possibly the greatest legacy he leaves is the example

he has provided for all of us—that is if one has the ability and the dedication, he can succeed in any field he enters and if one has superior abilities, there need be no limits to that achievement other than those which are self-imposed.

He was a strong and honorable man whose courage and energy will be missed by his family, his friends, and the Members of this House.

Mr. CORMAN. Mr. Speaker, the untimely death of our colleague RALPH METCALFE deprives this body of one of our most respected Members. It is a shock to realize that RALPH will not be coming back.

RALPH METCALFE was well known as being extremely fair and objective at all times. His constituents from Chicago's South Side certainly saw these qualities when they elected him to his first congressional term with 91 percent of the vote in 1970.

Congressman METCALFE's first political success came in 1952 when he was elected to the Cook County Democratic Committee. Three years later he was elected to the Chicago City Council where he served as president pro tem. After his 1970 election to the House of Representatives Congressman METCALFE served on the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, and the Post Office and Civil Service Committee. He was a founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus and also belonged to the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee, the Democratic Study Group, Members of Congress for Peace Through Law, and the Northeast-Midwest Economic Advancement Coalition.

President Carter reacted to Congressman METCALFE's death by saying that the former Chicago Representative was a leader "uncompromising in the pursuit of excellence." "He always stood for equity. His political energy was invested always on behalf of his constituents, and his unexpected passing deprives his community, his colleagues, and the Nation of a staunch and honest leader."

My deepest sympathies are extended to his wife, Madalynne; son, Ralph, Jr.; and the rest of his family.

Mr. BINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank our colleague from Illinois, Representative Cardiss Collins, for arranging this special order to pay tribute to our beloved colleague the late Representative RALPH H. METCALFE.

My wife and I were shocked and saddened by the news of his sudden death and I do want to join with RALPH's many friends and admirers in the House in paying tribute to him.

As a young man I had admired the achievements of RALPH METCALFE in the 1936 Olympics, not only because of his ability as an athlete, but because his success represented a splendid repudiation of the racist philosophy of Adolph Hitler, who sought to make political capital from the Olympic games in Berlin.

From the time RALPH came to the House in 1971 I thoroughly enjoyed my contacts with him. He was a man of definite ideas and standards, who had the courage of his convictions, but he never sought to impose his ideas on anyone else. There was a sweetness and gentleness about him which appealed to all who knew him.

In addition, I admired his stand on the Panama Canal and on a variety of other issues.

We shall miss RALPH METCALFE a great deal. My wife and I extend to Mrs. Metcalfe and his family our deepest sympathy.

Mr. VAN DEERLIN. Mr. Speaker, my admiration for our late colleague, RALPH METCALFE, goes back to my high school days. As an avid sports fan, I was of course greatly interested in the career of a man then hailed as America's top collegiate sprinter.

I first met RALPH on the eve of the 1932 Olympic games in Los Angeles—in which he was expected to dominate both the 100- and 200-meter dashes. As things turned out, he may have been the unluckiest sprinter in Olympic history. He lost a disputed photo finish to countryman Eddie Tolan in the 100. Then after he had placed third in the 200 meters, it was demonstrated that officials had improperly staggered the lanes, forcing METCALFE to run farther than his competitors around the turn of the track.

Four years later, in Berlin, METCALFE found himself on the same American team with the all-time great Jesse Owens—behind whom RALPH ran second in the 200 meters before anchoring a winning U.S. team in the 400-meter relay.

At Marquette University, RALPH METCALFE won eight AAU and six NCAA sprint titles—a record number. The late Maxwell Stiles, track expert for Hearst newspapers who devised a rating system for sprinters, adjudged RALPH the greatest of all time.

I know others will touch on our late colleague's political skills. I join in honoring his public service. Yet whenever I think back on

the career of RALPH METCALFE, I will see those strong legs of his, churning the cinder surface of the Los Angeles Coliseum track 46 years ago.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I was in New York State, on Tuesday, traveling through a rural section of Orange County when our local radio told me of some sad, tragic news about a gentleman for whom I had the utmost regard and respect.

RALPH H. METCALFE, a legendary figure from the Windy City, had passed from our midst. This great gentleman will be sorely missed.

I had, of course, heard of RALPH METCALFE long before I came to Washington as a fledgling legislator back in 1973. As a track fan, I can never forget his great athletic achievements throughout our Nation and in the 1932 and 1936 Olympic Games as a world class sprinter.

But RALPH's athletic ability was only a small portion of the many accomplishments of this well-rounded gentleman from Chicago. He served as a first lieutenant in World War II—he was an effective city council president—the first black Illinois State Athletic Commissioner—a brilliant statesman—an innovative Representative, and a devoted family man. I came to know of RALPH's dedication in our work together on the House Post Office Committee.

His unexpected death is a severe blow for those of us who take pride in the things that RALPH METCALFE stood for. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his wife, Madalynne; to his son, Ralph, Jr., and to his grandson.

Mr. FOUNTAIN. Mr. Speaker, when we hear of the death of a colleague, all of us feel a tragic sense of loss. However, it was with an additional special sense of sadness that I learned of the untimely death this week of my good friend and colleague from Illinois, RALPH METCALFE.

RALPH and I got to know each other on a personal basis very well during his 8 years of service in this House. On many occasions, in the cloakroom, in the House restaurant, on the floor, or elsewhere, we sat down together and engaged in informal, frank discussions and honest exchanges of ideas and insight.

At the outset of our friendship, I often expressed to RALPH my admiration of him for his many athletic accomplishments in years past. But as time went on, and as RALPH developed experience and exper-

tise in the Congress, I found him to be an equally dedicated legislator and an extremely conscientious and articulate spokesman for the causes in which he believed so strongly. He was a great advocate and a courageous fighter against all forms of discrimination.

Mr. Speaker, RALPH represented an urban constituency; I represent a largely rural constituency. Our political philosophies and our views on the proper role of Government in our lives were oftentimes different. But we were always able to disagree agreeably while working together in arriving at a consensus on what was in the best interests of the Nation. To me, that is one characteristic of a true colleague. My respect for the man always ran high.

RALPH was a humble and reserved man who knew well his mission in life. He has rightfully earned his eternal reward. And this House notes his passing with sorrow.

Mr. Speaker, although I have had some reservations about the wisdom of enacting into law the Amateur Sports Act of 1978, which we have had under consideration on the floor, I hope this bill if it is passed will stand as a tribute to the memory of this decent and good man who took such a personal concern and interest in developing young minds and bodies.

Christine joins with me in extending our sympathy and our regret to the family at this difficult time.

Mr. BURKE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I was saddened indeed to hear that our colleague, RALPH METCALFE, had passed away. Since I was born and raised in Chicago, the name "RALPH METCALFE" was well known to me long before either he or I were elected as Members of Congress. His prowess as an athlete and the title of the world's fastest human, when he attended Marquette University and when he won the silver medal for the 100-meter race in the 1932 Olympics at Los Angeles, was known to me when I was a youth.

In 1936 he won a gold and silver medal and even though Jesse Owens won three gold medals at Munich, RALPH METCALFE showed no envy. What was so important to him was that he and Jesse Owens humbled Adolph Hitler at Munich and trampled in victory Hitler's misdirected dream of white supremacy.

Mr. Speaker, RALPH METCALFE was soft spoken, but at the same time he was a true fighter for the things he knew were right. This fighting spirit was exemplified when he took on Mayor Daley and the Democratic machine in 1972 when he charged certain police officials with condoning police brutality. When he made these charges he

knew that he put his political career in jeopardy. Yet it did not stop him.

Mr. Speaker, the 1930's were difficult years for all Americans, but they were even more difficult for RALPH METCALFE; he was then an outstanding American athlete and a young man during those years—but he was black. My colleagues, his road was difficult but God did endow him with outstanding athletic prowess and he used these gifts to become a real winner to all Americans, black and white, big and little.

He came to Congress in 1970 with the firm resolve to serve all. He did so because of his wish to help people.

RALPH METCALFE was a gentleman in the true sense of the word. It is with regret that I say to him in this statement. "Goodbye, RALPH, thanks for what you did for your people and all Americans."

I am proud to have had the opportunity to serve with you in the Congress. I extend to RALPH's wife, Madalynne, my deepest sympathy and condolences.

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to my good friend and distinguished colleague, the Honorable RALPH H. METCALFE, who died suddenly on Tuesday, October 10, 1978, after serving four terms in the U.S. House of Representatives. Both Congressman METCALFE and I were first elected to the House in 1970, and we served together on the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee. Therefore, it is with a deep sense of personal loss that I note his untimely death.

Congressman METCALFE will be best remembered as an honest, hardworking man who rose through the political ranks to become one of the outstanding black congressional leaders. In addition to being a founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus, he was also a member of the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee, and vice chairman of the Democratic Study Group. He was also a member of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee and the Post Office and Civil Service Committee. In addition, he chaired the Panama Canal Subcommittee.

A participant in the 1932 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, he won silver and bronze medals in the 100- and 200-meter dashes. He was in the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, and won a gold medal on the 400-meter relay team, and a silver medal in the 100-meter race.

This same striving for excellence certainly applied to Congressman METCALFE's work as a legislator. His commitment to racial

equality, his understanding of and compassion for his constituents, and his dedication to the House, all served as an inspiration and encouragement to those who served with him. The most significant tribute we, his friends and colleagues, can pay to the memory of RALPH H. METCALFE is to continue striving for the high ideals to which he dedicated his life.

His many friends and colleagues in Washington, D.C., in Chicago, Ill., and throughout the Nation will certainly miss him and think of him on this day. I join my colleagues in extending my deepest sympathy to Congressman METCALFE's bereaved family.

Mr. BURKE of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, when RALPH METCALFE died earlier this week, the Congress lost an important voice in the fight for civil rights. He was long respected as a leader of Chicago's black community and equally so as a pivotal member of our own Congressional Black Caucus.

During the 8 years he graced this Chamber, I was able to witness firsthand his personable warmth, his genteel manner. This genuine ease with people proved to be a valuable tool as a legislator. As a member of the Committees on Interstate and Foreign Commerce and Merchant Marine and Fisheries he was able to play a vital part, especially in transportation and consumer affairs. He was instrumental in the adoption of railroad revitalization, no-fault auto insurance, antiredlining, and homeowners' compensation for deficient appraisals.

RALPH METCALFE's concern for American youth was a direct result of his continual involvement in athletics. A silver medalist in the 1936 summer games, he went on to direct athletic programs for the State of Illinois, the first black in that State to do so, eventually to become a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee Board of Directors, and the President's Commission on Olympic Sports. His commitment to amateur sports and to our Nation's young should be a lesson as to his high hopes for America's future. Because of Congressman METCALFE, and others like him, America can be confident that her future generations will carry that same spirit and striving that has made us a great Nation.

I extend my sincere condolences to his wife, Madalynne, and son, Ralph, Jr., and join with my colleagues in paying tribute to this fine public servant.

Mr. RODINO. Mr. Speaker, I want to express my sadness at the death of a friend and colleague. RALPH METCALFE was a man of great

courage who showed his determination and integrity in everything he did: Whether it was his studies at Marquette University, or winning a Gold Medal at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin, or in his work in this House where he was one of the founders of the Congressional Black Caucus.

To those who knew him, RALPH METCALFE was an unwaivering force for justice and human advancement, both for his Chicago constituents and for all Americans. He will be remembered as an outspoken supporter of the rights of minorities and all those who have been oppressed and disadvantaged.

Mr. Speaker, the people of Chicago have lost a conscientious public servant; the minorities of this country have lost a formidable leader; and the Members of this House have lost a friend and great statesman. While we are all pained by his death, we know that his shining example of dedicated public service and unquestioned integrity will be revered for a long time to come.

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I was certainly saddened to learn of the passing of Congressman RALPH H. METCALFE. Although I knew him only in the past 2 years, I highly respected him as a Congressman and as a gentleman. All of us know of his outstanding athletic accomplishments in his earlier years. All of us will remember him as a fine Representative from the State of Illinois.

However, often, it is the little things in life that one remembers the most. Just a few weeks ago, I introduced my 12-year-old son, who is interested in track, to Congressman METCALFE. The words of advice he passed on to my son were warm and filled with encouragement. I am sure that there are many youngsters who knew him and met him that are the beneficiaries of his advice, whether on the athletic field, or on the field of life.

We will all miss him.

Mr. WON PAT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to note my deep regret over the passing of our two esteemed colleagues—Representatives RALPH METCALFE and Goodloe E. Byron. These two men served their districts and the entire Nation with distinction and honor. They truly will be missed by all of us who were privileged to serve with them in the House of Representatives.

It is somewhat ironic that both men expired from heart attacks. I would hope that the untimely demise of our colleagues serves as a warning to all of us that our health is the most cherished possession

we have. As our outstanding physician, Dr. Carey so often reminds us, we must take care of ourselves.

RALPH METCALFE will long be remembered not only for his tremendous efforts in the Congress to assist American blacks in their drive for equality, but for his unparalleled feats on the athletic field. In particular, history will always record his accomplishments in the 1936 Olympics where he was the recipient of a gold medal. His efforts then served as a living rebuttal of the racism of Hitler's Nazi Germany. Congressman METCALFE was always striving for the best in the human spirit and his impressive record of achievement in everything he sought to do is a living monument to him.

Representative Byron's sudden passing was equally tragic. He held so much promise and left us at such a young age. He was extremely close to his constituents and none could ask for a finer representation in Congress. I was privileged to serve with Goodloe in the House Interior and Armed Services Committees. There he made major contributions to the legislative efforts of the committees. I extend my sympathy to Mrs. Byron and wish her every success in her efforts to take her husband's seat in November.

Mr. JONES of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with my colleagues in expressing our sorrow at the passing of our late colleague, RALPH METCALFE. He was a man held in great honor and respect by all of us.

In looking at his record established through a long career devoted to public service, we can see a record of achievement that he brought with him to this body and a record he continued throughout his service in Congress.

RALPH METCALFE was a quiet man who went about his duties with honor and respect. His character was a character of strength, a character that he never forgot. I know that we shall miss RALPH METCALFE in these Halls. I want to express my deep regret and sorrow to his family.

Mr. PERKINS. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in this expression of sadness at the passing yesterday of our friend, RALPH METCALFE.

To my great benefit and pleasure, I got to know Mr. METCALFE soon after his arrival in the House in January 1971. The warm regard I had for him at the beginning grew and strengthened the longer the acquaintance lasted.

The qualities that made him a great athlete in the Olympics more than 40 years ago also made him a great human being. And the humanity that he brought to the House of Representatives made itself felt in all of his relationships and all of his work here.

RALPH H. METCALFE leaves behind him a long and distinguished record of public service to his city, his State, and his country. I am sure all of the young people whose lives he touched as a teacher and as a coach are saddened by his passing, knowing, as we do, that the friends of RALPH METCALFE enjoyed a rare privilege.

Mr. COUGHLIN. Mr. Speaker, it is with a deep sense of personal loss that I join my colleagues in paying tribute to the late Congressman from Illinois, RALPH H. METCALFE.

For 4 years, I was fortunate to have an office in the same hallway with RALPH. He never failed to offer a pleasant smile, a brief but kind greeting, always giving some indication that there was a job to be done and that he was pleased to be able to do his best for the land he loved.

He brought to Washington the same dedication and perseverance that won him a gold, two silver, and a bronze medal in Olympic competition. If the House were to issue medals for achievement, I am sure that RALPH would, once again, be on the list of winners.

Often noted for his mild, calm, and compassionate manner, RALPH blended these admirable traits with an unrelentless quest for an end to the injustice, prejudice, and bigotry facing his constituents of Chicago's South Side. It is comforting to know that his efforts did not only benefit his constituents, but left a mark upon this entire Nation.

I extend to his wife and family my heartfelt sympathy at the passing of their loved one. I hope they may secure some measure of comfort, no matter how small, in the fact that their grief is shared by so many others.

Mr. LEGGETT. Mr. Speaker, each of us in this body serve with a whole host of colleagues during our tenure in office. We adjust to retirements, resignations, defeats, and deaths within our numbers because we have to carry on the tremendous burden of the country's business. But the death of RALPH METCALFE is a special loss to this House of Representatives and to the Nation, and it will require a greater compensatory adjustment.

RALPH METCALFE was an exceptional human being. He possessed an unusual quality for compassion and sincerity, and was a magnifi-

cent person. He was a man who became a legend in his own time. We all know he was the famed athlete who has been emulated around the world for many years, but I think it is especially important that he was a formidable force for the resolution of conflict in the world and in our own country.

There are several attributes that must be combined to render one person an important historical figure, and RALPH METCALFE possessed all of these attributes. He was a symbol of excellence in both athletics and politics. His reputation for excellence derived from an abiding desire to see that all people did better for themselves; he wanted to set the example. Moreover, he was known for the many courageous things he did on both a personal and political level during his lifetime. He operated on a constructive level. As President Carter said in his tribute, RALPH METCALFE's life was "genuinely inspiring."

The welfare of the people of the United States was a conscious and constant concern of RALPH METCALFE. He truly believed that if we appealed to the highest instincts of mankind, mankind would respond in the best way possible. But he was also a social liberal who saw government in an active role to foster the conditions that allowed for the greatest development of each person—this was the reason he backed so strongly job training and economic development programs in the domestic sphere and, on a global basis, human rights of every people.

It was my good fortune to be primarily associated with RALPH METCALFE in Panama Canal matters. All of his fine qualities to which I have previously alluded, RALPH applied to his interest in the Panama Canal. When I preceded him as chairman of the Panama Canal Subcommittee, he was the ranking majority member of the subcommittee. I leaned upon him for advice and counsel because he had traveled in Latin America during his athletic career and because he related especially well to the canal workers, especially to the black Panamanians of West Indian descent who had long been deprived of the ability to develop their full potential as human beings.

That RALPH METCALFE was very interested in the Panama Canal was evident to all of us. He passed up the opportunity to serve as chairman on other more politically rewarding subcommittees on the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries and chose instead the Panama Canal Subcommittee; he delivered on May 19, 1977, what was probably the most comprehensive speech on the Panama Canal

issue prior to the canal treaty debates in the Senate. He either led or was a member of many inspecting House delegations that went to the Canal Zone. The reason that he was so interested in the canal issue was that he believed the reputation of the United States around the world, and especially in Latin America, depended upon the ability of the United States to find cooperative solutions to mutual problems with Latin America. He believed the Panama Canal was a key issue, and RALPH METCALFE had a deep desire to avoid the bitterness and bloodshed which he felt would result from failure to find a cooperative approach in this instance.

As chairman of the Panama Canal Subcommittee, RALPH METCALFE conceived of his role as one for promoting a good climate for negotiations between the United States and Panama over the Panama Canal issue. One of the best means for promoting a better cooperative climate, he believed, was the expansion of equal opportunity and upward mobility programs in the Canal Zone. In fact, RALPH and I shared the belief that many of the canal and isthmian problems that have faced the United States in recent years could have been avoided if we could have shed long ago the apartheid-type mentality that had been all too prevalent in the Canal Zone.

One of the things that was especially impressive about RALPH METCALFE was his ability to produce change without bitterness, without bringing forth new divisions to replace those he wanted to heal. It would have been easy for RALPH to simply become bitter about some of the policies of years past in the Canal Zone, policies that thwarted opportunity for blacks. But RALPH, while touched deeply about the effects of those policies, exuded confidence in his belief that there were better policies, better ways to do things.

For his interest in the canal and his contribution to the efforts toward a new relationship with Panama, he was justly recognized. He represented the House of Representatives and was seated on the stage with President Carter and General Torrijos when the two chiefs of government exchanged Panama Canal Treaty instruments on June 18 of this year in the Republic of Panama. The President's statement issued upon RALPH's death correctly called him "A visionary leader in the Panama Canal Treaty ratification" struggle.

RALPH METCALFE's faith in the highest motives of mankind showed in his approach to the canal issue. He understood the attitude that many Americans had with respect to a new treaty relationship with Panama, but he felt that Americans had the wrong attitude

in emphasizing differences with Panama. Taking the positive aspect, he said in his last press conference in Panama:

> It has been and continues to be my view that our differences can be minimized because there is much more about the Panama Canal that brings together the United States and Panama than there is to divide us.

This view was based on the constant and continuing close relationship between our own people and Panamanians on the isthmus. In that same statement I referenced, METCALFE said:

> The United States and Panamanian peoples have a history of friendship, and I am optimistic that this friendship will continue through the years.

Many of his accomplishments are worthy of being set forth on the record because they are a testament to his leadership and because they demonstrate in microcosm the kind of leader he was. What characterized his tenure as Panama Canal chairman were three initiatives: His desire to foster the best possible relationship between the United States and Panama; his backing of policies that either provided deserved benefits for canal workers or attenuated the less positive aspects of change; and his efforts to keep open the lines of communication between the various, and often disparate, elements in the canal picture.

RALPH's efforts as chairman were reflected in the new treaty relationship with Panama. Several aspects of the negotiations and portions of the treaty documents were items in which RALPH METCALFE was particularly interested and which he strongly backed; the inclusion of a labor consultant to the U.S. treaty negotiators; the extensive provisions for special benefits to canal workers affected by the new treaty relationship; and the creation of the Panama Canal Commission, which will run the canal to the year 2000, as a U.S. Government agency.

Of course, the new treaty relationship with Panama would never have come to fruition had the strident opponents of negotiations been successful in their attempts to impede or stop the talks. RALPH was one of the leaders in the House who thwarted the attempts to stop negotiations. When he spoke on the treaty issue, he spoke with authority and experience. I was happy to have been associated with his efforts in these debates. In the final debate on the so-called Snyder amendment in 1975, he said:

> So, we have to make certain that we understand exactly where we are and where we are going. More importantly, I think we need to know whether or not we are going to stick our chests out and say, "we will not give up

a thing" when, in fact, if we do support this amendment, what we are saying is that we are going to give up our relationship in Latin America.

Because he desired to see the change he knew was needed to have the least adverse consequences on canal workers, he constantly pressed the Executive for more information on negotiations for canal employees. He felt that the more light that was shed on negotiations, the more readily people in both the Canal Zone and the United States would accept a new relationship. In 1977 the Governor of the Canal Zone did issue informational guidelines to the workers, and a subsequent announcement amplified that information.

For all of the other things I have mentioned, there is no question but that RALPH METCALFE will be remembered best by the people on the Isthmus of Panama for his efforts to eradicate the discriminatory aspects and appearances of U.S. policy in the Canal Zone. He carried to their fulfillment some of the initiatives I and my predecessor as chairman, John Murphy, had made to promote equal opportunity. His immediate recognition of the people problem came when he visited the Canal Zone and Panama in February 1972. He issued a statement saying:

> There is a wide gap in attitude and concern between the Americans and the Panamanians, especially between the third and forgotten group, the black Latin Americans, who work for the Panama Canal * * * I view the major need to be a complete reevaluation of the rights and dignity of all groups and the recognition of their needs and desires.

From that time on, in hearings, correspondence, and personal contacts he strove to see the dual housing and school systems in the Canal Zone merged and job opportunities expanded to allow for promotion of Panamanians. The major step toward all three of these objectives was taken in February 1976 by Governor Harold Parfitt. I know that as chairman, RALPH valued and was proud of these changes.

As I pointed out, he had a special ability to bring people together and getting them to think constructively and objectively about problems. During the most tense period of treaty negotiations, he applied this skill with particular frequency. He invited and encouraged labor and civic representatives to make direct and formal contributions to subcommittee deliberations. He arranged for the executive branch to hold numerous meetings with those who were to be affected by the new treaty arrangement. When a strike at the canal was contemplated in February 1978 in the midst of the Senate debate on the treaties, he exerted considerable influence on employees to think about the consequences of a job action. Fortunately, a strike was

avoided. Finally, whenever he visited the Isthmus, he met with the leaders of Panama, including the President and the foreign minister, to ascertain their attitudes and to assure them of the positive feelings of people in the United States.

Although his main concerns with respect to the Panama Canal were, like all his major concerns, directly related to people, Chairman METCALFE played an important historical role in several other matters less people-oriented.

He strongly defended the constitutional right of the House of Representatives to be involved in disposing of U.S. territory and property. This was his only qualification to support for passage of the Panama Canal Treaty by the Senate. His subcommittee on April 17, 1978, unanimously endorsed his report on this matter.

He also conducted most comprehensive hearings on the finances of the Panama Canal Organization. This was in response to the serious financial questions that had plagued the canal company.

He pushed implementation of the exhaustive General Accounting Office study of personnel practices, a study which was initiated under my tenure as subcommittee chairman. This report pointed toward more equity for canal workers and an end to some of the appearances of discrimination that have plagued the Canal Zone.

To some of my colleagues who have been concerned with the broader aspects of the life of RALPH METCALFE, such as the role he played in the struggle for civil rights in the United States, the points I have mentioned may seem parochial. They deserve mention however, because they relate to a matter in which he was intensely interested and because these deeds are part of his testament of public service. The Panama Canal was simply the issue that showed me, as his countless other efforts demonstrated to others, that RALPH METCALFE was an exceptional human being. Those who must deal with our relations with Latin America and those who must deal with Panama Canal matters know that his passing will be deeply felt.

RALPH showed me paradoxical qualities which are characteristic of great leaders—his desire to see cooperative solutions to big problems did not reduce his uncompromising embrace of excellence and the principles in which he believed.

Mr. HEFTEL. Mr. Speaker, there are a few rare persons whose achievements are so numerous and whose interests are so varied that they defy summary. RALPH METCALFE was such a person. As a fellow member of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, I

was privileged to join with RALPH METCALFE in the pursuit of one of his interests. As a fellow Member of the Congress, I was able to observe his treatment of a wider range of issues. And as a personal admirer, I came to learn of his remarkable record of public service extending into every segment of the community he represented so ably in Washington. Clearly, I have not been alone in drawing inspiration from the dedication he brought to his work and the humaneness of his temperament. RALPH METCALFE was a competitor who wanted everyone to know as he had known the joys of competition conducted without rancor and in an atmosphere of mutual respect. Rather than rest on his laurels as an athlete of international renown, he worked actively to open the same experience to the disadvantaged youth of his community, through the Ralph H. Metcalfe Youth Foundation. That is but one item on a list of accomplishments that could go on for pages, but it is indicative of the charitable spirit of a man whose presence will be missed by all who knew him, or knew of him.

Mr. REUSS. Mr. Speaker, the loss of RALPH METCALFE is one which will be felt keenly in this Chamber, in Chicago and Illinois, and across the country. We in Milwaukee will feel a special sense of grief for the great athlete and exemplary man who was, for a time, one of us.

A graduate of Milwaukee's Marquette University, RALPH METCALFE was one of the greatest athletes in that university's history and one of the greatest runners the world has known. His exploits on the track at the Los Angeles and Berlin Olympics and at meets around the country earned him a spot in the Wisconsin Athletic Hall of Fame.

His career in public life fulfilled the promise his early years held out. Service to the State of Illinois was followed by election to the Chicago City Council and then to the House. Here his has been a distinguished career. Those on his side, in whose company I was proud to count myself, knew him to be a staunch ally. Those whom he opposed found him a worthy adversary. All found him a good friend.

Events in Chicago put his convictions in equal justice to the test. At the risk of his career, he responded magnificently. Those who knew RALPH METCALFE knew that it was typical of him to fight the good fight, even against great odds. We also knew that it was just as typical for him to win.

Mr. ROSTENKOWSKI. Mr. Speaker, it is with a sense of great loss and sorrow that I address this body today to mark the passing of our colleague, the Honorable RALPH H. METCALFE. He has served the Congress of the United States with distinction for nearly 10 years and we will be poorer for his leadership.

We all know of RALPH's great achievements in the world of sports; he twice honored the United States in the Olympic Games, winning a gold medal and establishing a world record for the 400-meter relay in 1936. The perseverance and dedication that characterized his career throughout his lifetime were nowhere more clearly reflected than in his political life.

In the early 1950's the residents of Chicago's third ward recognized his talents and chose him to represent them as committeeman and alderman for almost 20 years. He did an outstanding job in serving his community and, in fact, was elected president pro tempore of the Chicago City Council in 1969 where he again distinguished himself. Chicagoans in the First District of Illinois reiterated their confidence in his abilities by electing him to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1970, returning him each term since. These close ties to his community have given him a sincere and abiding concern for community needs and problems which has been demonstrated in his work on such programs as adequate housing laws, employment security, and general economic stability for the Midwest.

During his tenure in the House, RALPH ably served as a member of both the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee and the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee. In addition, he played an active role in the House leadership as a member of the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee and the Congressional Black Caucus.

But knowing RALPH I think he would want to be remembered most for his efforts to improve the overall social and economic well-being of all Americans. As early as 1948, RALPH was the director of the department of civil rights for the commission on human relations in Chicago, and his experience in this capacity gave him a deep commitment to the goal of social justice for all—not just for black Americans but for all our citizens. Not only through his athletic ties but through his early career work as a political science instructor and track coach at Xavier, La., University, he became particularly sensitive to the needs of youth—a concern which culminated in his establishment of the Ralph H. Metcalfe Youth Foundation, an organization devoted to providing athletic, health, and education programs for youth to support needy families in the community. I am told

that his enthusiasm has been an inspiration to young people from all walks of life. One only need look at the long list of social organizations and types of legislation and programs he envisioned to realize RALPH's untiring commitment to and deep involvement in an endless variety of social needs and concerns. He attacked these problems with vigor and strove to cure them with fairness and compassion.

RALPH H. METCALFE—a dedicated public servant, an outstanding athlete, a leader in social justice—will be missed by us all, both in Chicago and in this Chamber.

Mr. MAZZOLI. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply saddened by the death of our distinguished friend and colleague, the Honorable RALPH H. METCALFE.

RALPH was an achiever. He excelled in all of his pursuits—from his sports activities to his service in the U.S. Congress.

His inspiration will be missed.

I extend my heartfelt sympathies and condolences to Mrs. Metcalfe and the entire family. We share in their deep loss.

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, it was with extreme regret that I learned of the sudden death of our colleague and friend, RALPH H. METCALFE.

It was my pleasure to serve with RALPH on the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee. He deported himself well and always as a gentleman. Kind and attentive to his duties, his life was one devoted to service, in both elective and appointive posts.

The people of his district have lost a fine Representative, and we have lost a fine friend.

Kathleen and I offer our sincere condolences to his wife and son and the rest of his family.

Mr. BROYHILL. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply saddened to learn of the sudden passing of my good friend, RALPH METCALFE. Since he came to Congress in 1971, we had the pleasure of serving together on the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee as well as on the same subcommittee. I always found him to be a hard-working and knowledgeable Member who worked harmoniously with others in the legislative arena.

RALPH was an excellent athlete and a good golfer. We had the opportunity to play together several times in the last few years and, just last August, he defeated me during the Congressional Golf Tournament.

Only 2 weeks ago, I was proud to attend the fundraiser given for RALPH. Even though he was a Democrat and I am a Republican, I wanted to be present on this special occasion to let him know of my admiration for him.

Several weeks ago, Mrs. Broyhill and I had dinner with RALPH and we were fascinated to hear him tell his story of his early days—his interest in track and his determination to succeed in life. He is a shining example to all people that one can overcome adversity and become successful in whatever profession he or she might choose. His life, indeed, is an inspiration to all young people throughout our Nation and we will sorely miss RALPH's wisdom and leadership in public affairs.

Mr. CONTE. Mr. Speaker, the flags flying at half mast outside this building and all over this Capital City out of respect for our late beloved colleague, the gentleman from Illinois, the Honorable RALPH H. METCALFE, seem to me to be particularly poignant displays for this fine man. Not only did RALPH METCALFE labor among us here in this Chamber where the Stars and Stripes are shown so prominently, but as we all know, he also carried that flag to victory in the world's most important international sports forum, the Olympics, early in his life.

We mourn today, then, a man whose indefatigable energy was known both in the world of sports and the world of Government. In both arenas he gave his all. His physical and moral courage and dignity are personal attributes that I know I will always remember and admire in this gentleman.

He was a fine representative of his people, the residents of Chicago's South Side. He was deeply committed to bettering their welfare and improving their safety. And anyone who was acquainted with RALPH METCALFE knows that these are two goals to which he dedicated himself unceasingly and unstintingly until his untimely passing.

His service on the three major committees on which he held membership, the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, and the Post Office and Civil Service Committee, was held in high regard.

I join my colleagues today in great sadness to express my sense of personal loss at RALPH METCALFE's death. My wife Corinne joins me in extending our deepest sympathy to the Metcalfe family.

Mr. DUNCAN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I think I can express my feelings about RALPH METCALFE and his passing no better than to quote from my letter of condolences to Mrs. Metcalfe:

DEAR MRS. METCALFE: One of my most pleasant experiences in returning to Congress after an 8-year absence was to meet and become a friend of RALPH METCALFE. We shared a mutual interest in the problems of the Canal Zone and the people, both in the Zone and Panama. We shared an interest in athletics. I admired his political courage and his gentle manner. In short, I, and legions of others share your loss.

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT B. DUNCAN.

Mr. STEED. Mr. Speaker, this institution and its Members, as well as the people of his district at Chicago, have sustained an untimely and heavy loss in the death of our colleague RALPH H. METCALFE.

He was known to many Americans from the days in which he performed so ably for the U.S. Olympic Team in Germany in 1936. As a public servant he impressed me often and deeply with his sagacity. He was a warm and wise man, and my last memory of him is of riding with him in an elevator here just before he was leaving for Chicago. We exchanged some pleasant jokes, some of which he planned to use in his speeches back home.

His passing is a great misfortune, and I extend deepest sympathy to his family.

Proceedings in the Senate

TUESDAY, *October 10, 1978.*

Mr. STEVENSON. Mr. President, I ask the Chair to lay before the Senate a message from the House of Representatives on House Resolution 1422.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate a resolution which was read as follows:

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1422

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable RALPH H. METCALFE, a Representative from the State of Illinois.

Resolved, That a committee of such Members of the House as the Speaker may designate, together with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. STEVENSON. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will be stated.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

SENATE RESOLUTION 583

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of the Honorable RALPH H. METCALFE, late a Representative from the State of Illinois.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the Senate recesses today, it recess as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the Senate will proceed to its consideration.

Mr. STEVENSON. Mr. President, the Members of Congress and the people of the State of Illinois are deeply saddened by the death of Representative RALPH H. METCALFE. He was a champion of social justice, a distinguished Member of Congress, and my good friend. Congress and the Nation are made poorer by his death.

I urge the adoption of the resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The resolution was unanimously agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, pursuant to the resolution, appoints the two Senators from the State of Illinois (Mr. Percy and Mr. Stevenson) to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives.

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Mr. BAKER. Mr. President, I move, in accordance with the previous order, and pursuant to the provisions of Senate Resolution 583, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Honorable RALPH H. METCALFE, late a Representative from the State of Illinois, that the Senate stand in recess until 8:30 a.m. tomorrow.

The motion was agreed to; and at 9:35 p.m., the Senate recessed until tomorrow, Wednesday, October 11, 1978, at 8:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, *October 11, 1978.*

Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, on Tuesday, October 10, our country lost one of its great citizens. For it was on that day that Congressman RALPH METCALFE passed away in his hometown of Chicago, Ill.

In his 68 years on this earth, Congressman METCALFE served his country well as an athlete, as a scholar, and as a statesman. His accomplishments would take several pages of the Congressional Record.

Therefore, let me list the most outstanding ones. In 1929, he was the national collegiate champion of the 100- and 200-yard dash, and in 1932 and 1936, he was a member of the U.S. Olympic track team. No one can ever forget how proud we all were of that fine 1936 Olympic team which represented America so well in the face of considerable adversity. RALPH METCALFE certainly epitomized the true championship spirit of that team.

Not only was Congressman METCALFE an achiever in the field of athletics, but also in the area of education. He received a Ph. B. from Marquette University and an M.A. degree from the University of Southern California. He successfully merged his athletic and educational achievements when he served as the track coach and professor of political science at Xavier University from 1936 to 1942. During that period, many young men were touched by the greatness and wisdom of this wise man.

By 1942, Congressman METCALFE had already served his country to a greater degree than most Americans do in an entire lifetime. But he refused to rest on his past accomplishments. In 1942, a time of considerable crisis in the history of our country, Congressman METCALFE rose to the occasion. He served in the U.S. Army as a first lieutenant, and received the Legion of Merit Award during that time.

After the war RALPH METCALFE observed a country in which his people were still being treated as second-class citizens. To right this wrong, he realized his best approach would be through the political arena. From 1952, when he was first elected as a Democratic committeeman in the Third Ward of Chicago, until October 10, when he passed away, Congressman METCALFE actively pursued his goals of achieving equality for all Americans through the political system. In 1956, 1960, 1964, and 1968, he was reelected alderman from the Third Ward in Chicago. Finally in 1970, he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, and honorably served in the 92d, 93d, 94th, and 95th sessions of the U.S. Congress. It was in his role as a Congressman that he achieved the reputation of being one of the greatest advocates and fighters for full equality for all Americans.

Finally, Mr. President, let me say that we all are indebted to this man who represented so many things to so many people. To black America as well as white America, he shall be remembered not only as a great athlete, scholar, and statesman, but most importantly as a

great human being and Christian man who gave so much to his country because he believed that someday we all shall overcome. Let us not forget this most important legacy which is the essence of the life of Congressman RALPH METCALFE.

Mr. BROOKE. Mr. President, I was shocked and deeply saddened by the news of the untimely and tragic death of my dear friend and colleague in the Congress, RALPH METCALFE. The city of Chicago, the State of Illinois, and, indeed, the entire Nation, have suffered a great loss.

RALPH was blessed with many gifts, both as an athlete and in his chosen profession as a public servant. He was always willing to share those considerable gifts with the people of this Nation, a nation he loved so much.

I doubt that there are many Americans of my generation who will ever forget RALPH's incredible accomplishments as a sprinter in the 1930's. He represented the United States at the 1932 Olympics in Los Angeles and at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, at a time when Hitler was claiming to lead an Aryan "master race." He and the great Jesse Owens scored magnificent victories against the concept of racial superiority by soundly beating their German opponents. In his Olympic career, this marvelous athlete won a gold medal, two silvers, and a bronze. He thrilled those of us who heard of his exploits on the radio and from the newspapers and made young blacks like myself proud of our race and proud of our Nation.

RALPH METCALFE could have stopped there. He was a celebrity and a star. But he did not stop. He attended Marquette University and the University of Southern California. He served his Nation in the Army and in the USO during World War II. And then he became the State of Illinois' first State athletic commissioner.

As an elected public official, beginning in 1955 with his service as an alderman in Chicago, RALPH METCALFE displayed a tremendous sensitivity in dealing with people and their problems. He never lost that ability. He had a strength of character which gave him the moral leverage to command respect when he chose to speak out on important issues. And speak out he did. RALPH METCALFE was a man of conscience and dignity and he was uncompromising in the pursuit of equity and mutual tolerance. He possessed an independent spirit and was not afraid to challenge those who failed to act in the interest of his constituents and the people of Chicago. He was a fighter and

he was not afraid to take on tough opponents when he believed his cause to be just.

I am proud to have counted him as a friend. I know I shall miss his energy and his forthright, honest manner. I valued his advice and he was a source of counsel and strength to many. His passing is a tremendous loss not only to his constituents in Chicago's South Side, but also to the Black Congressional Caucus, which he helped found, to his colleagues in the House and, indeed, to all citizens across this land.

To his devoted wife, Fay; his son, Ralph, Jr.; and his host of friends, I extend my deepest sympathy. My prayers are with them. And I know my colleagues in the Senate join with me in extending our deepest regrets to his family. This truly outstanding individual will be missed by all.

Mr. PERCY. Mr. President, together with all of my colleagues who knew him, I express deep regrets at the untimely death of RALPH H. METCALFE. RALPH METCALFE was a close personal friend and a respected colleague. From the time when he and Jesse Owens shattered Hitler's belief in a master race during the 1936 Olympics, to his 8 years in the U.S. Congress, RALPH METCALFE was a fighter for justice and equality.

I most vividly remember RALPH METCALFE's defiance of city hall in Chicago in his fight against police brutality. Elements of Chicago's Police Department have unfortunately had a reputation for excessive violence. When RALPH METCALFE began the long fight against police brutality in 1972, statistics showed that Chicago policemen killed twice as many civilians as any police department in the country. By far, the great majority of their victims were poor blacks and Hispanic-Americans. As a result of the movement which he led, Chicagoans are no longer afraid of the police. It was also RALPH METCALFE who exposed the illegal spying on Chicago residents by the Chicago Police Department.

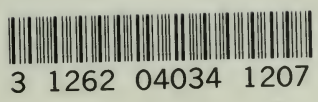
This was just one example of RALPH METCALFE's concern for the rights and well-being of others. During the 1950's, as committeeman for Chicago's Third Ward and later as its alderman, he fought hard for subsidized housing for the city's low-income residents. He was also in the forefront of the fight for equal educational opportunities. And, as a leading sponsor of the Humphrey-Hawkins full employment bill, which, in a timely tribute to him, we are considering on the

floor of the Senate today, he fought to get needed jobs for the unemployed.

RALPH METCALFE was also an effective worker behind the scenes. As the chairman of the House Panama Canal Subcommittee, his tireless efforts were helpful in the successful negotiations for and the Senate's passage of the Panama Canal Treaties. These treaties have already led to improved relations with our neighbors in Central and South America.

RALPH METCALFE's was a life marked by hard work, dedication, and excellence. The residents of Illinois' First Congressional District have lost a great Congressman, and the city of Chicago has lost a greater leader. Those of us who knew him and had the honor of working with him have lost a great friend. We must all rededicate ourselves to achieving his goals of justice and equality for all.

My deepest sympathy to Mrs. Metcalfe and RALPH's entire family.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